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County protest derails strict new coastal rules — for now

By PAUL MILLER

SAN FRANCISCO — A SET of drastic rule changes proposed for Monterey County's coast ran into a buzz saw of opposition this week, leading the staff of the California Coastal Commission to postpone consideration of the changes and promise to consult with county officials before bringing the rules to the commission for adoption later.

The proposed rules, made public the day before Thanksgiving, would:

- prohibit four-laning Highway 1 in North Monterey County;
- declare all native stands of Monterey pine to be "Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area," triggering special protection under state law;
- ban private wells in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands;
- limit the amount of desalinated water that can be supplied to Monterey and other communities;
- restrict building on Big Sur parcels that can be seen from public hiking trails; and,
- "where appropriate," require that new development be evaluated for its impact on views from the ocean.

"I can't understand it and I still don't understand it," said supervisor Lou Calcagno, who drafted a letter from the board to the coastal commission objecting to the way the rules were devised, what they contain, and the "millions of dollars of liability" the rules would create for the county.

"We have to have community input," Calcagno said of the changes — in particular, the ban on widening a dangerous stretch of Highway 1 through his district. Under current county law, the highway is supposed to be widened.

Calcagno, who served as a coastal commissioner from 1992 to 1997, also criticized the commission's new rules for being hastily prepared. The ban on private wells was probably prepared by "someone not familiar with the law of groundwater rights," his letter said, while a proposed rezoning of the land around Elkhorn Slough would do "grave damage" to the community — something that could have been avoided if the commission staff had done a "single review of the history of Moss Landing."

Calcagno's letter was adopted late Tuesday after being added to the board of supervisor's agenda on an urgency basis, said supervisor Dave Potter, who also serves as a coastal commissioner. "What we want is for the whole thing to be tabled until the commission's meeting in March in Monterey, so everybody will have time to prepare," Potter said.

The next morning, the coastal commission convened at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. Staff members, apparently surprised at the vehement reaction to their 82-pages of new rules for Monterey County, gave a brief summary of the changes to the commission but put off any formal action.

"We will go to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in January to provide complete context" for the new rules, said Dr. Charles Lester, director of the coastal commission's Santa Cruz office. "For the March meeting, we'll have a much more focused presentation."

'Shocking document'

"This is a shocking document," said Angus Jeffers, an attorney with the Monterey firm, Fenton & Keller. "If the coastal commission staff wants to continue with it, they'll have to convene a working group of residents, environmentalists, elected officials and policy regulators to keep it grounded in reality."

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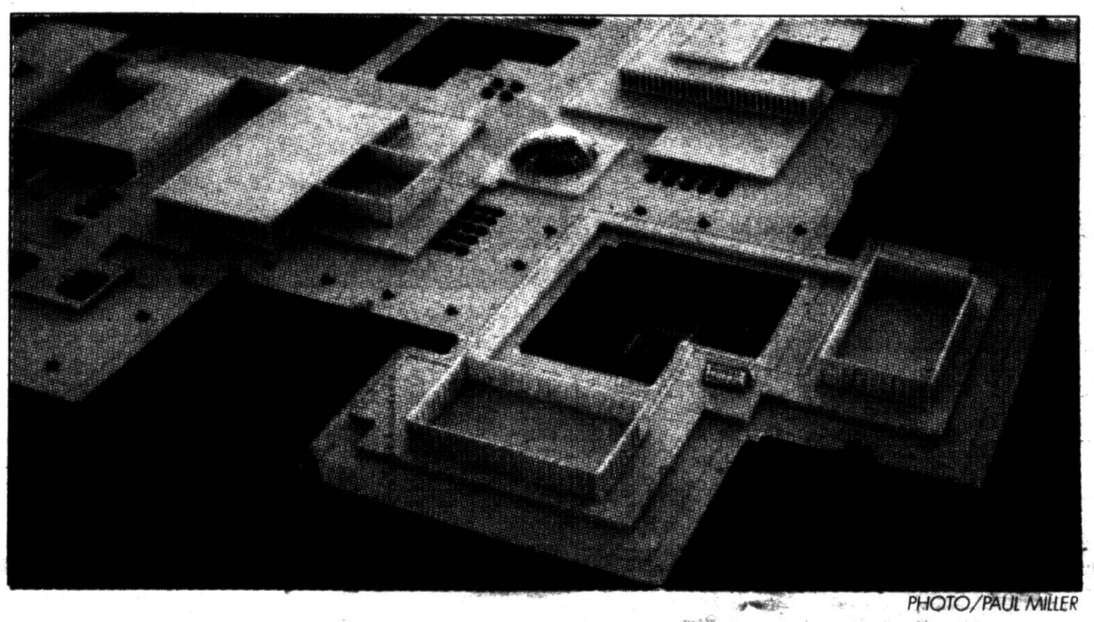
FOREST ISN'T SENSITIVE AFTER ALL



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CHOMP gets what it wants and then some

By PAUL MILLER

SAN FRANCISCO — IT WAS clear from the beginning of the hearing Wednesday morning that the California Coastal Commission would approve plans for a 97,000-square-foot expansion of Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula.

But before the 10-1 vote was cast, commissioners engaged in an extended debate over how to approve the project because it involves cutting down almost 200 trees, including a stand of about 150 Monterey pines the coastal commission's biologist said is protected by state law.

The debate was replete with ramifications for other projects, especially the Pebble Beach Company's proposal to build a new golf course in Del Monte Forest — a project overwhelmingly

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COUNTY HIKES COST OF AMBULANCE RIDE TO $1,008 PLUS $23.50 A MILE

By PAUL MILLER

FACED WITH a request for a 98 percent rate increase from American Medical Response, which provides ambulance services in most of Monterey County, the board of supervisors played hardball and got the increase down to 60.3 percent.

Except for the City of Carmel and the area between Rancho San Carlos Road and Cachagua, a call to 911 and an ambulance trip to the hospital will be priced at the old rate of $628.63 plus $13.18 per mile until Dec. 31. After that, the new rates go into effect: $1,008 plus $23.50 per mile. They were approved by supervisors Tuesday.

Carmel and Carmel Valley may soon get the same increase, said councilman Gerard Rose, who serves on the Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance board. "It'll be on our agenda this week and it's possible we will increase our rates.

See ***AMBULANCE*** *page 20A*

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A 60 percent increase in the cost of an ambulance ride will take effect Jan. 1 in most of Monterey County. Carmel and Carmel Valley could follow suit soon after, officials say.

Couple maligned by neighbors for feeding the poor

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A NEIGHBORHOOD petition complaining of a "rice and beans business" being operated from Sandhya and Ramesh Kolar's small Crespi Avenue house has evoked a strident defense of what is really a home-run charity.

"These people should be applauded," said Natividad Medical Center maternal infant unit supervisor Lisa Tucker, whose needy patients regularly receive baby blankets and clothes from the Kolars.

"It's just ridiculous — really, really sad," she said of the petitions submitted to the planning commission by neighbors at a November hearing on the Kolars' garage-turned-guest-house, "especially in a time of need where there are so few people who are willing to go out there and do anything."

Longtime Monterey resident Nancy Costello, who has been taking food and supplies to hundreds of impoverished Salinas Valley farm workers and their families for about 25 years, receives more than a ton of rice from the Kolars every month.

"This is a purely philanthropic operation," she wrote

See ***CHARITY*** *page 16A*

Galante to open wine shop/tasting room downtown

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL VALLEY winemaker and Frank Devendorf descendent Jack Galante can sell his wares in downtown Carmel, the planning commission unanimously decided Dec. 10, so long as he makes sure his tasting room visitors don't become a nuisance.

Galante sought a permit from the commission to open a wine shop and tasting room in a 573-square-foot shop currently under construction on Dolores Street near Piccadilly Park. The building will also have a small upstairs apartment.

"My family's been in the area about six generations, and we have a family winery in Carmel Valley," said Galante, the great grandson of Devendorf.

Galante's namesake winery produces Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc using only grapes grown in its Cachagua vineyards.

"We'd like to open a wine shop to sell our locally produced wines and provide a sampling," he said. "We are a small boutique winery and have excellent products."

Commissioner Mike Cunningham voiced concerns about noisy wine drinkers loitering in quiet Piccadilly Park or bothering the upstairs tenant.

Galante assured the commission he would not allow any patrons to take their glasses outside and reminded commissioners the small area of his shop dedicated to wine tasting would involve only small amounts, not the full glasses poured in restaurants and bars.

Three people — a Dolores street bank manager and Carmel Chamber of Commerce member, a fellow winemaker and

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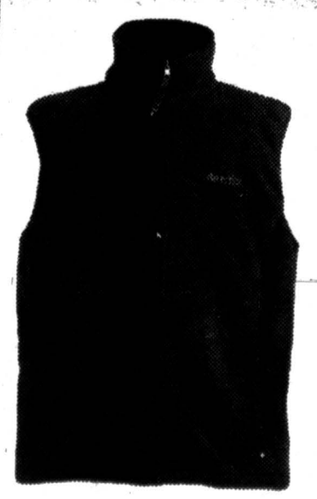

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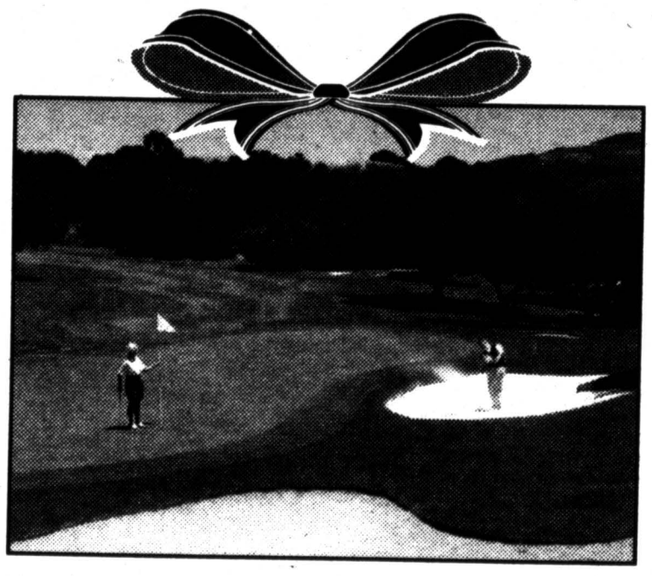

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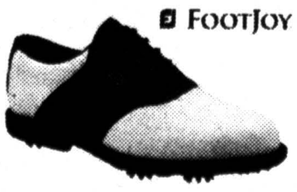

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Local phone customers get whopping long-distance bills in error

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN CARMEL resident Harvey Billig received a phone bill from AT&T charging him $175 for 103 minutes of long distance calls made mostly within California, he knew something was amiss. Not only were the rates exorbitant — as much as $3.77 for a minute-long call to Pasadena — but he is not an AT&T customer.

"I got the first bill a couple of weeks ago, from AT&T business services," he said. "Business? It's a home phone."

Soon after, he received two other phone bills with AT&T charges, and his mother-in-law, who also lives in town, was billed $800 for long-distance calls.

Fearing he and his family had been victims of a fraudulent long-distance switch, Billig contacted the local phone company and confirmed he was still listed as using IDT for his long distance service, not AT&T. Officials with SBC, which handles his local service, said they had no idea why he was billed by the other carrier.

After hours of wading through interminable voicemail systems and speaking with baffled customer service representatives, Billig finally learned he and other customers were erroneously billed when IDT began using AT&T's phone lines.

Carmine Conti, an IDT conflict resolution specialist working full-time on the AT&T billing snafu, said the problem arose after MCI WorldCom declared bankruptcy. Because IDT is a reseller of long distance, it utilizes phone lines owned by other companies, including Global Crossing, which was owned by MCI and included in its bankruptcy.

"Since ours went belly up, we had to find a new network provider, so we picked up AT&T," he said. That change was supposed to be transparent to IDT customers, who would continue receiving the same service at the same rates from the same carrier. "Unfortunately, when we made the network switch, a lot of these customers were billed by AT&T in error."

Conti could not say how many customers have been affected nationwide, but he acknowledged many live in Carmel. Conti advised IDT customers erroneously charged by AT&T to fax their bills to his office at (800) 786-8438.

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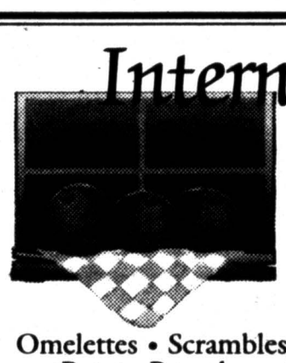

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a 911 call from Junipero and First where a resident reported an unknown problem and then disconnected from the telephone line. Subject was contacted at the address and it was determined there was no medical emergency or any need for an emergency response by any other emergency units. The resident had made the call in error and was unable to communicate the situation due to a language barrier.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic dispute in a hotel room at Mission and Third.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Santa Rita resident reported his neighbor was dumping garbage on his property. Upon arrival, observed piles of pine needles stacked along the common causeway on the north side of his house. Evidently, the neighbor had the needles removed from his roof and failed to clean up the mess between the two homes. The offending neighbor was not home, so the resident was advised this was a civil matter and he would need to contact his neighbor.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Off-duty police officer called to report missing property lost while at the Carmel Woman's Club on 11/27/03. He later called back to report he found the missing property at his residence in Sacramento. Loss was unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Camino Real resident reported hearing loud thumps from her roof over the past hour. Arrived and checked the roof but found nothing suspicious. Also noted it would have been extremely difficult for a human to gain access to her roof without a ladder. Upon interior check, noted a clothes rack in the guest room directly adjacent had fallen and ripped out of the wall. This could have been the cause of the loud thumps. Nothing else suspicious noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on patrol, noted a subject kneeling in a planter urinating in public at San Carlos and Seventh at 0120 hours. While speaking with him, his wife arrived and stated he had called her for a ride due to his level of intoxication. She agreed to take custody of him and transported him back to their hotel. He was warned for urinating in public.

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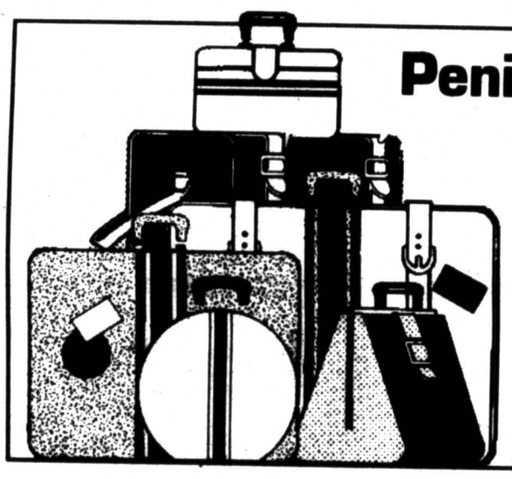

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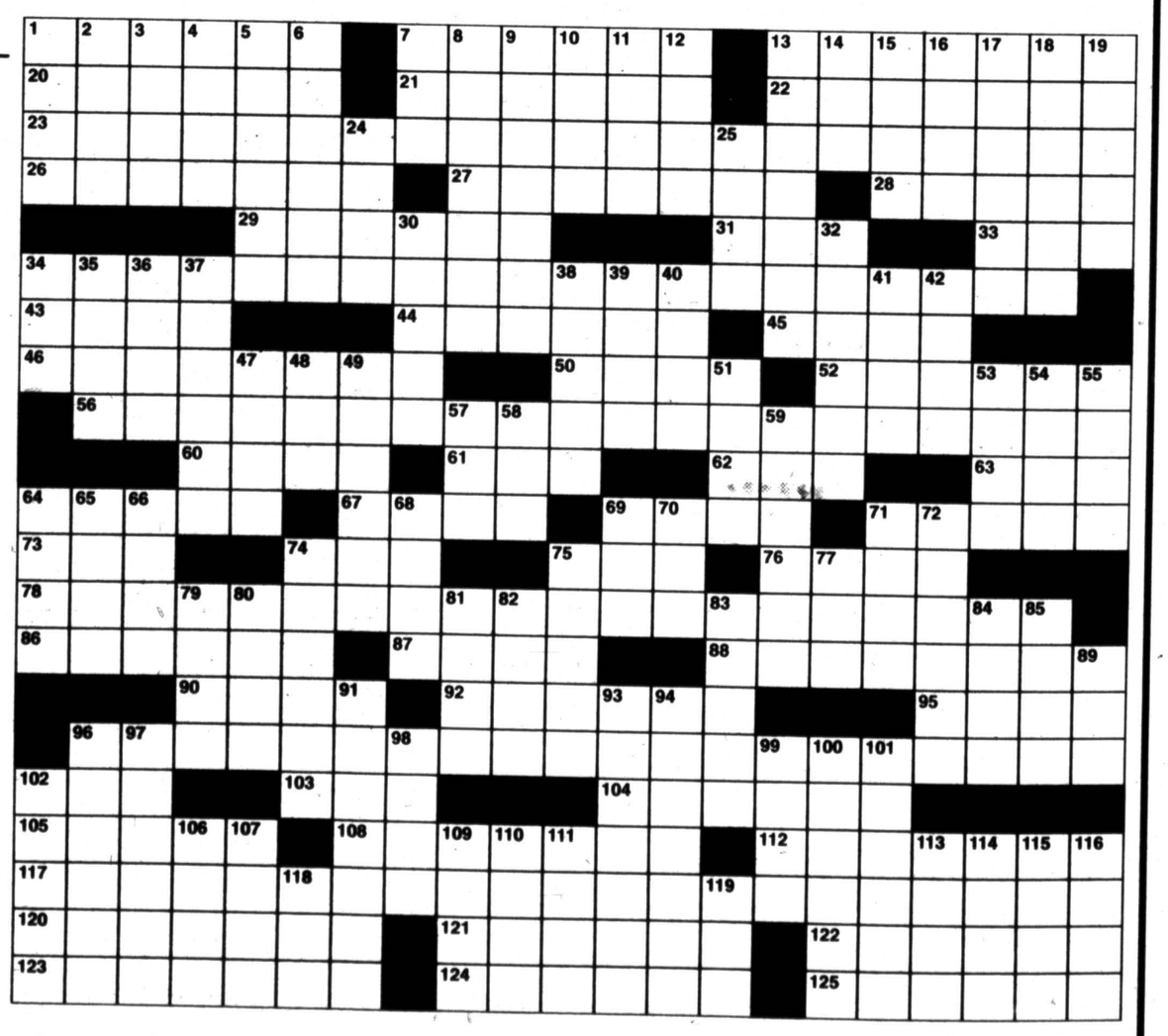

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Ex-boyfriend arrested in Thanksgiving attack

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MARINA man ended up in jail Nov. 28 for allegedly attacking his ex-girlfriend outside the Carmel cafe where she works and dragging her down the street, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Pete Poitras.

"He had been drinking and decided to make contact with her, wanting to rekindle their relationship which had fallen apart several months earlier," he explained.

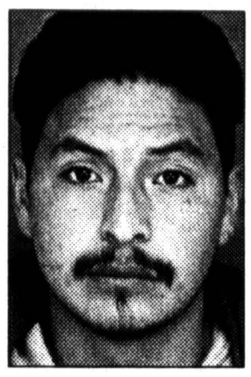
Lazaro Garcia, 32, confronted the woman in front of the Ocean Avenue restaurant around 8:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving, and an argument ensued.

"He grabbed her by the tie she was wearing and tried to drag her down the street and force her into his vehicle," Poitras said. "She had been using a broom to sweep the sidewalk when this occurred, and he tried to choke her with the broom handle."

But as she fought, onlookers walking down Carmel's busiest street began to yell and a friend of Garcia's attempted to stop him, so the suspect fled.

The victim, whose identity has been kept confidential, did not notify police of the attack until almost 45 minutes later, after her father encouraged her to report the incident.

"She called her father first, and they were extremely concerned [Garcia] would return or retaliate against her more severely than he had already," Poitras said.



Lazaro Garcia

She also declined medical attention.

Police placed a be-on-the-lookout for the suspect that night. The following day, his Salinas employer was contacted and agreed to bring him to the station for questioning.

"His employer was quite cooperative," Poitras said.

Garcia was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail. The district attorney's office has charged him with attempted kidnapping, false imprisonment, battery, assault with intent to commit great bodily injury and placing harassing phone calls.

Garcia's bail, originally set at $84,500, was reduced to $25,000 and Garcia left the jail Dec. 10.

His preliminary hearing is set for Jan. 8.

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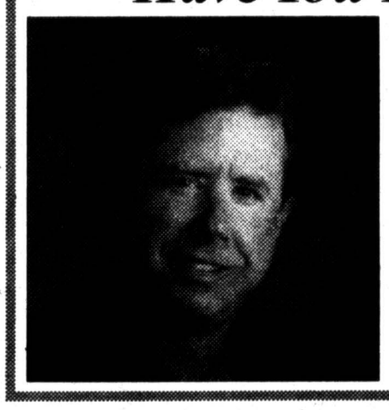

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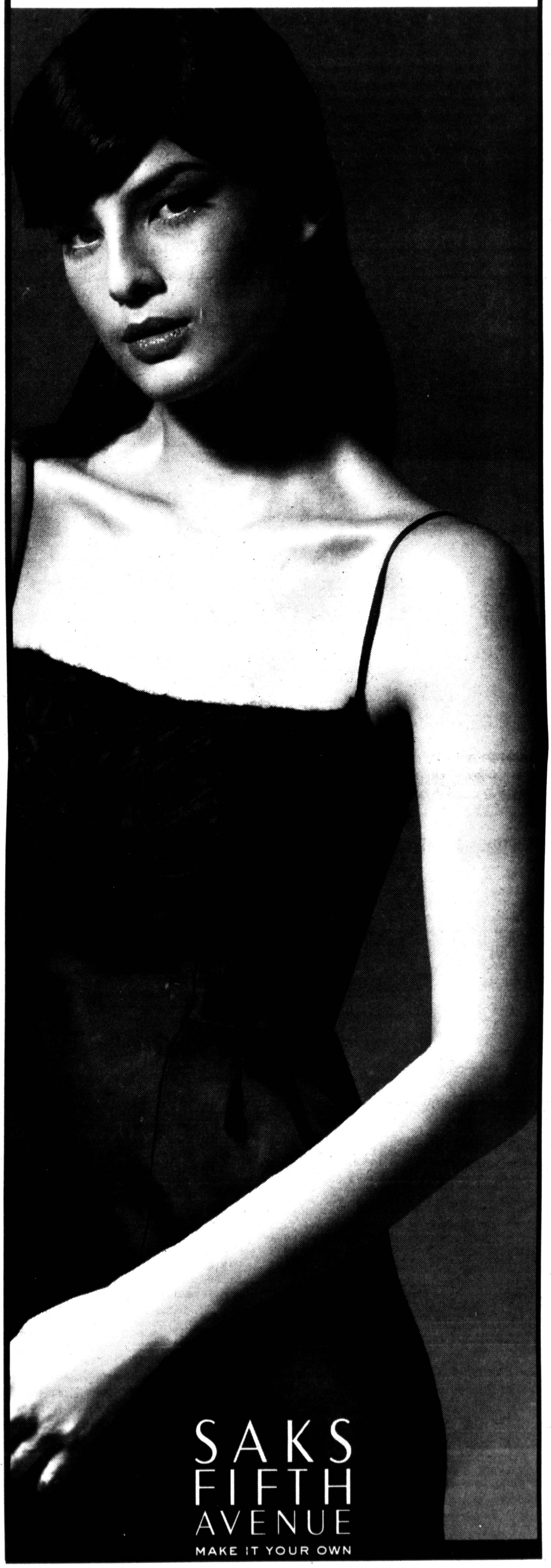

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Shopper stunned by man's death-defying good deed

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE HOLIDAY shopping season could have been a disaster for King City resident Nancy Pozzi after a shopping trip to Del Monte Center. Instead, it turned into a tale with a happy ending when a Carmel business owner ran into freeway traffic Dec. 3 to gather the remnants of Pozzi's wayward wallet.

Driving home with her daughter-in-law and grandson after shopping at Del Monte Center, Pozzi didn't even realize she had left her wallet on top of the car until her husband called and told her Jeff Shorman had retrieved what was left of it from the middle of the highway.

"It was 4:40 on Wednesday night — dusk — and you know what traffic is like on Highway 1 going toward Monterey and Seaside," she said. "He risked his life to save my belongings. I just couldn't get over it."

Not only did he dodge cars to retrieve her mangled wallet, credit cards, checkbook, cash and other items, but he apologized for not managing to recover everything.

"It was hit by a couple of cars, and he picked up as much as he could and was apologetic that he couldn't get more of the stuff," she said, adding that cash and credit cards had been flying about as cars raced by. "He was apologizing to us for doing something so heroic!"

The following morning Pozzi drove to Shorman's Seventh Avenue studio, Stoneworks Design, to retrieve her belongings. He had already left on a job, so she has yet to be able to thank him in person, though she has left tokens of her gratitude.

"He is really a hero, and this is a true Christmas story, too, that someone did something like this," she said. "I would have never known what happened to the wallet."

Even more than having back her possessions, Pozzi said Shorman's good Samaritanism left a lasting impression.

"My daughter-in-law said it happened because I'm so nice all the time that I deserve it, but I only want to be nicer now," she said. "It was a wonderful experience and reminded me there are still really wonderful people in this world. We can get pretty jaded at times."

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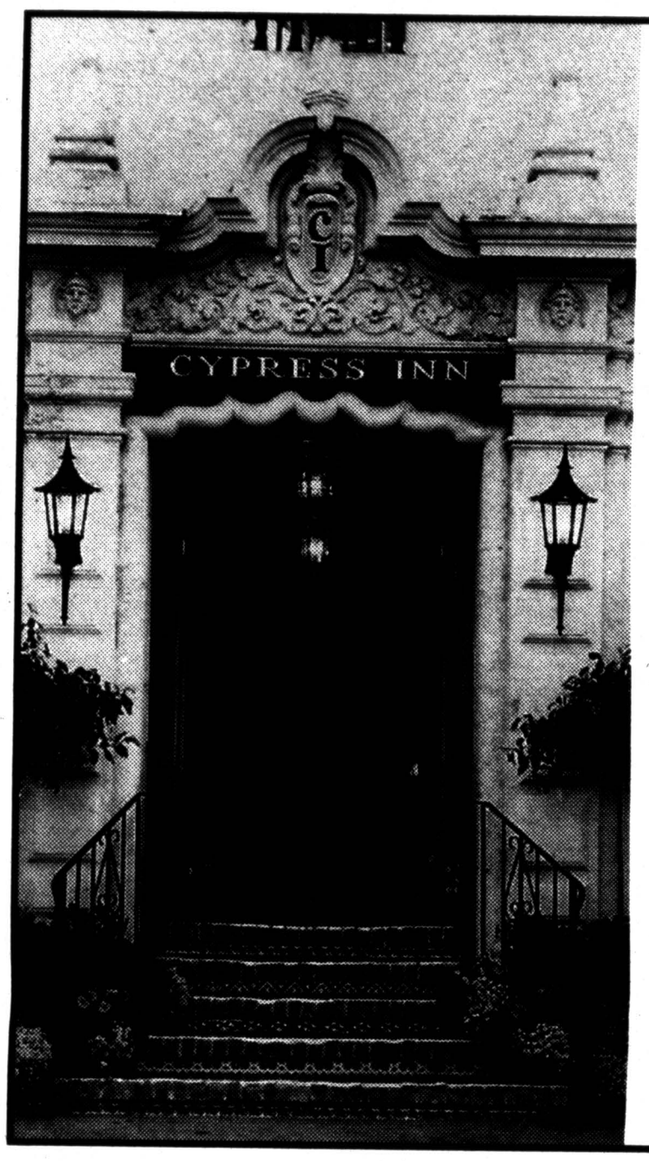

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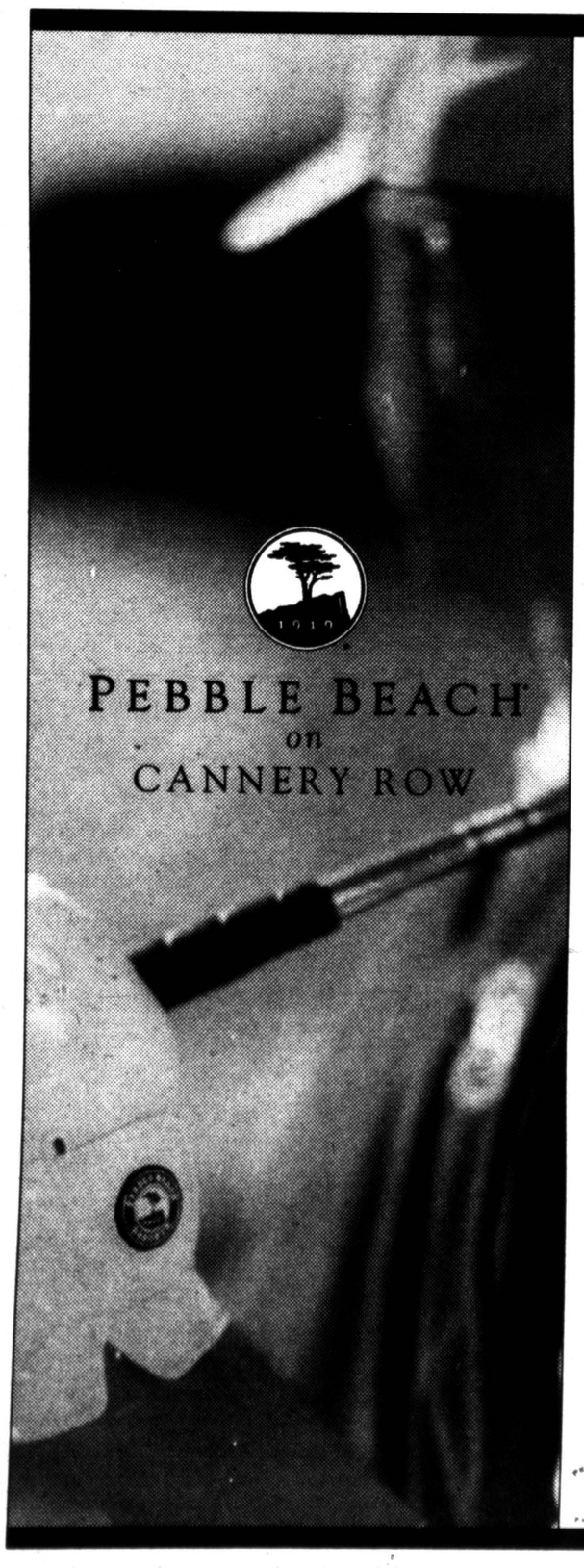

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ACRYLIC-HAPPY ART THIEVES STRIKE AGAIN

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SHOPLIFTERS STRUCK Simic Gallery again Friday, making off with another acrylic sculpture in Michael Wilkinson's Haven series. Entitled "Haven II: Morning Light," the 21-inch-tall, $9,800 sculpture disappeared just one month after "Haven III: Covenant" was stolen while a store employee was engaged in conversation.

"It's a big puzzle. A crowd of folks came in and distracted the sales persons, and it was noticed missing later by employees," said Carmel Police Detective Buck Melton. "At this point, we have no clues."

That night art gallery staff discovered the large acrylic sculpture had been stolen and notified police around 8:20 p.m., according to Melton. They provided little information about the group which had visited the gallery earlier.

"We don't have a lot to go on," he said, other than that the incidents could be related because they targeted the same artist's work in the same gallery. "I will do follow up on both."

During the Nov. 7 shoplift of "Haven III: Covenant," a pair of women, possibly speaking with fake South American-sounding accents, entered the store around 6 p.m. One of them approached a store employee and kept her in conversation around the corner. It was not until later that store staff noticed the acrylic sculpture, which had been sitting on a pedestal near the door, had been stolen.

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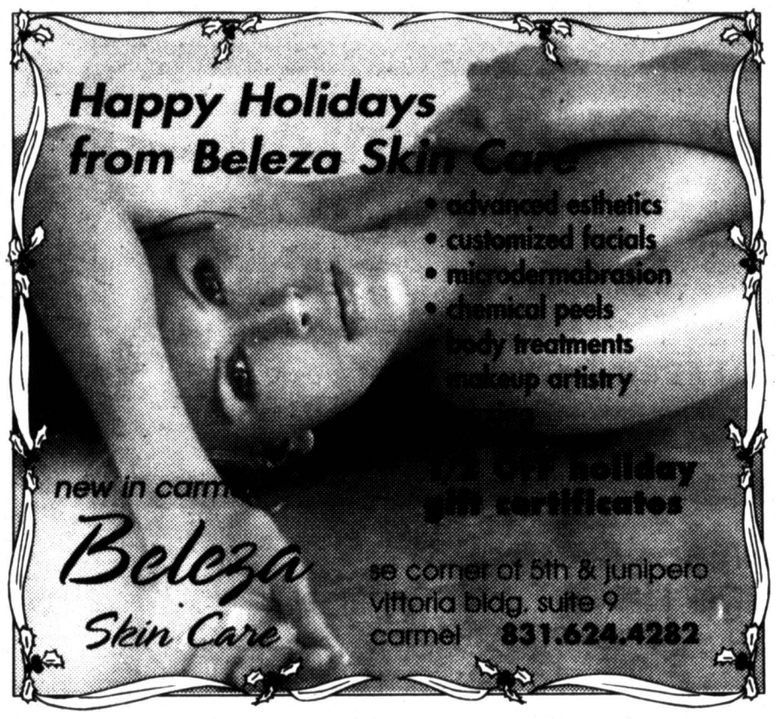

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A THIEF stole 100 pounds of organic beef valued at $1,400 from a locked, alarm-equipped freezer at Earthbound Farm, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. And while the identity of the culprit is fairly certain, he's likely to get away with it.

The meat had been received in October and put in the freezer, Sgt. Scott Ragan said. "When they had an order for a bunch of it a couple of days ago, they found it was gone, checked around to see if it had been sold to someone else, and found that wasn't the case."

The burglary was reported to the sheriff's office shortly after 8:30 Monday morning.

Deputies learned the most likely suspect is a recently departed worker, according to Ragan.

"They figure it's an inside job since the freezer's locked all the time and alarmed," he said. "They don't want to investigate it further. There was no forced entry or anything like that, and the employee no longer works there."

ERRORS

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After investigating to ensure the charges stem from this particular problem, the information will be submitted to AT&T for adjustment. An IDT representative will contact the customer regarding the process of correcting the charges or getting a refund if the bill was already paid.

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City renews contract for acting fire chief Reade

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL VALLEY Fire Chief Sidney Reade will continue serving as Carmel Fire Department's acting chief until next July, the city council decided this week. With a 4-1 vote, the council renewed Reade's contract, which expired last summer.

Reade will continue to draw her full-time salary from the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District and use that agency's vehicles, equipment and supplies. Carmel-by-the-Sea will pay CVFPD about $6,300 a month for Reade's services to the city.

Council member Gerard Rose, who also sits on the Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance board, praised Reade's work and said her salary was a bargain considering a full-time fire chief would cost at least $100,000 a year, plus benefits.

"It's been my job and my pleasure to observe close hand the work of Sidney Reade, who is not only a very fine human being, but also the consummate professional," he said, adding that Reade enjoys a statewide reputation as an outstanding firefighter.

"The city couldn't be more fortunate to have someone of her caliber, professionalism and hard work working for us," he continued.

But councilwoman Barbara Livingston, who said none of her comments should be taken personally, speculated the department's lack of a full-time chief has negatively affected CFD staff. Rose strongly disagreed.

"The morale of the force has never been higher, the coverage and professionalism of our forces have never been better, and the citizens have never been better served," he said.

Livingston also worried the contract with CVFPD, in place since August 2001, foretells the end of a city-run fire department.

"It's becoming increasingly clear that we're just letting this slide so there will be nothing to do but consolidate with forces outside the city," Livingston said.

A section of the new contract requires the fire district and the city to "review service delivery options mutually beneficial to both parties, including a change of organization in the form of annexation or consolidation of the district and the city fire department, with the presentation of such a plan and options to be presented to the district board of directors and city council not later than June 2004."

Following the meeting, Reade told The Pine Cone the task force created to consider the department's future has yet to study consolidation.

"The reason we haven't gone forward with it is that the state, county, city and district are all under extreme financial strain," she said. "It's not good to make a move under such distress. Otherwise, it's being driven by economic factors, as opposed to level of service."

Its work has focused on developing a plan for relocating all department operations during a much-needed seismic retrofit of the Sixth Avenue firehouse — a project she hopes will get under way soon.

"It's still funded and a priority of council, and I'm looking forward to it. I'm not going to back off," she said.

With one engine already kept at public works rather than inside the vulnerable station, the plan calls for a temporary move to Vista Lobos. Apparatus would be kept under large tents, and the site is already wired for the department's phone and computer systems, she said. The Horizon Inn on the other side of Junipero would rent out kitchen-equipped rooms, possibly at reduced rates, for fire department staff to use during their 24-hour shifts.

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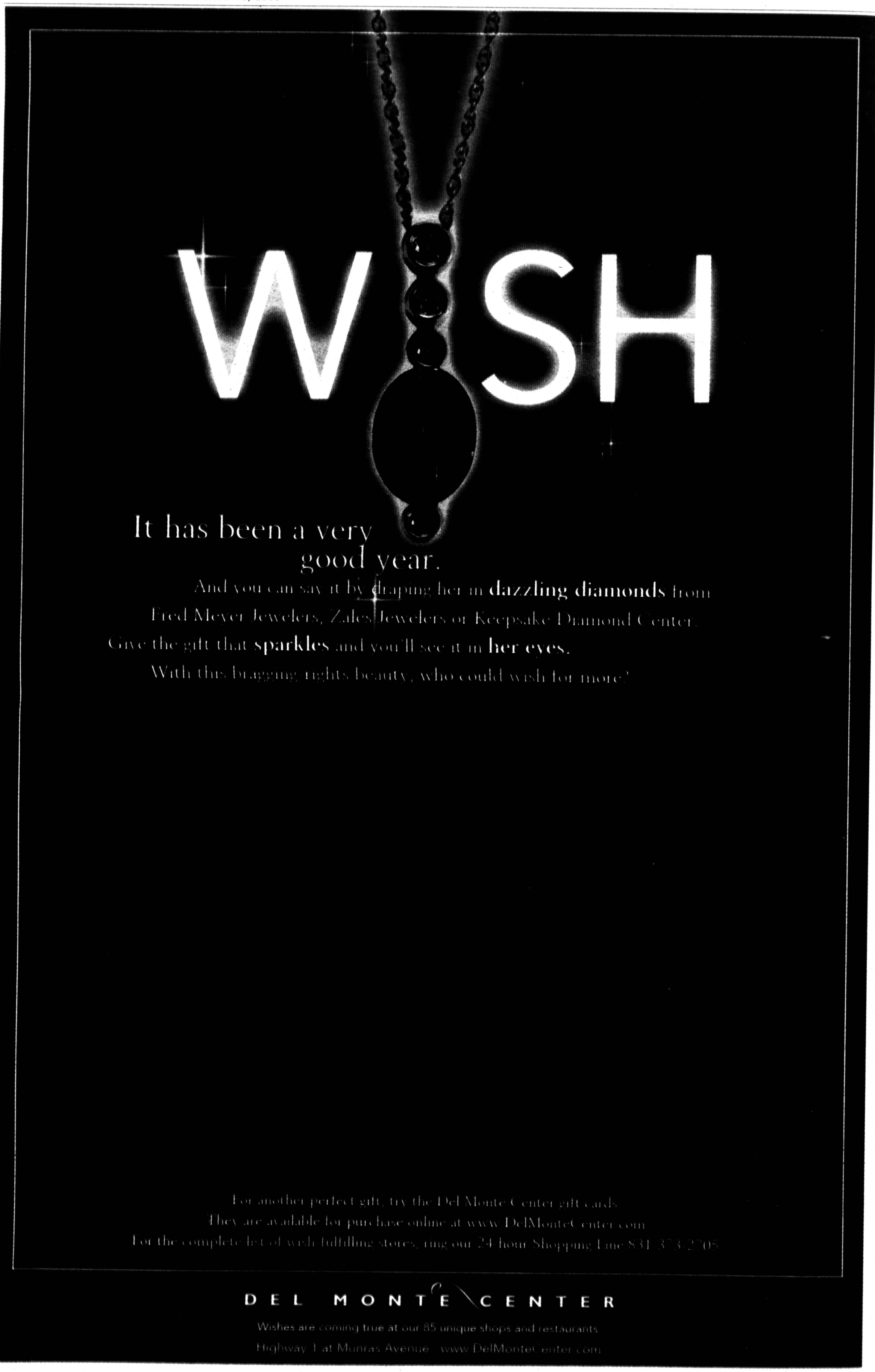
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Carmel elementary school children 'Run Across the USA'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL RIVER School students, bound and determined to run across the United States, have already covered more than 900 miles — without leaving the county.

"The whole school has a goal to reach from the West Coast to the East Coast by year's end," said CRS Principal Jay Marden, himself a runner who competed professionally until he was 30.

Designed to help kids stay in shape and take responsibility for their health, the Run Across the USA program at River School was organized by Peggy Tobin through the physical education department.

"The students run laps in PE and after school and get these foot tokens which symbolize the number of miles they've run," Marden explained. Whether a student runs a few miles or many, all will contribute to the attempt to cover thousands of miles by the time school gets out in June.

Only fifth graders participated in the Run Across the USA a few years ago, but Marden, who has since become River School's principal, recruited the whole school for this year's effort.

To help fire up the children, he called upon an old running colleague who has since formed the Team USA running camp at California State University Monterey Bay. Coach Bob Sevene, "arguably the most famous U.S. distance running coach in the history of the country," brought several runners to meet the kids at a special assembly last month.

"He got up and talked about how they were partnering with us by having his athletes visit us monthly, go to classes and work out with the kids and teachers," Marden said. "They'll run some laps and at the same time motivate us to reach our goal."

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— Jay Marden

The momentum continued when Marden told the entire school in a Monday morning intercom address that one of their CSUMB visitors, Fasil Bizuneh, won the inaugural Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay with a time of 1:06:02.

"The students have run so many miles already," the proud principal said. "Maybe next time we'll spread it over a few years and run around the world."

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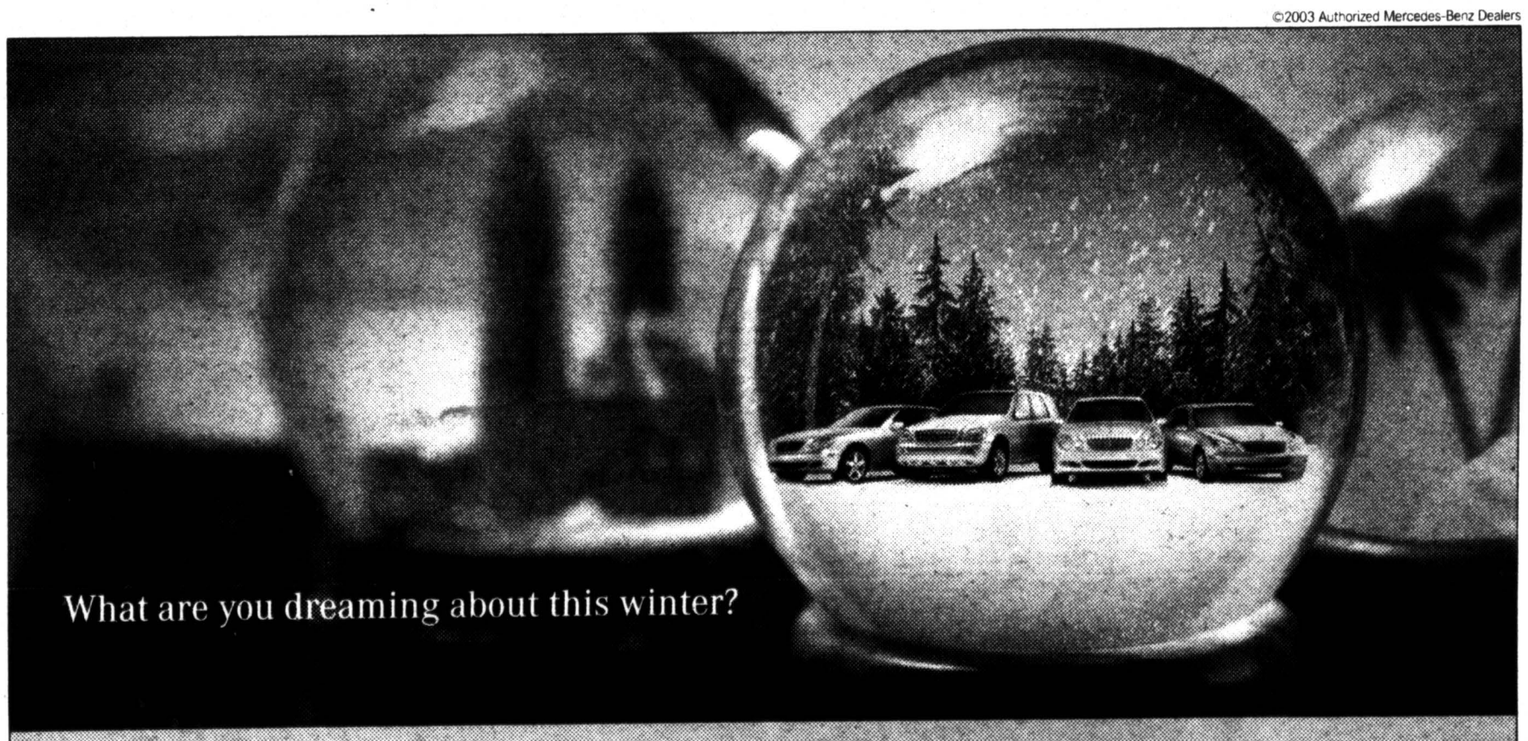

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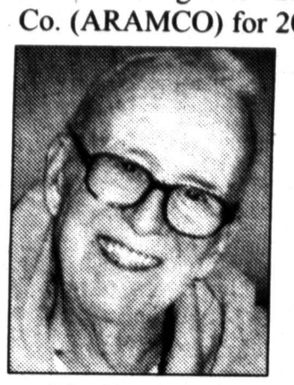
JAMES H. BARNHART, 93, died Nov. 10 at his residence in Carmel Valley. Born in Alameda, he retired as a commander after 39 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He worked for American Presidential Lines and was a Bar Pilot in San Francisco for 20 years. Following his retirement in 1976, he and his wife moved to Carmel from Piedmont.

Mr. Barnhart was an avid fly fisherman and golfer. He was a member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and served as a docent at the Monterey Maritime Museum.

Mr. Barnhart is survived by his wife, Lucille of the family home; sons Peter of Benicia and James, Jr. of San Luis Obispo; as well as three grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Carmel Valley Manor Medical Center, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, 93923, or to the donor's favorite charity.

JOHN G. "JACK" PESTONI, 90, personnel manager for the Arab-American Oil Co. (ARAMCO) for 20 years, died Nov. 11.



Born in Oakland, he lived in Carmel and Monterey for the past 45 years.

He earned a Purple Heart in his service as a tank commander for the U.S. Army in World War II.

Mr. Pestoni was an avid golfer and long-time member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. He also enjoyed playing bridge.

Mr. Pestoni is survived by his son, Peter of Monterey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Avelyn, in 1999.

Memorials are suggested to the Monterey Country Special Olympics or the Monterey County Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

LILLIAN W. ADAMS died Nov. 14 at home, one day after her 89th birthday. She was born in Montreal, Canada to Andrew and Alexandrina Walkinshaw, and had made her home in Pebble Beach for 45 years.

Prior to the second world war, Mrs. Adams lived in Nanking, China, as part of the U.S. military mission. After the war she resided in Japan with the U.S. Army of Occupation. Her then husband, Col. Bennett, died in 1963.

In 1970 she married Col. Norman Adams, who preceded her in death in 1980. Mrs. Adams maintained a lifelong interest in international affairs. She was an avid sportswoman, and served with the Auxiliary of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing at Monterey Peninsula College.

EUNICE EMRY CAMPBELL, 85, died Nov. 14 at her Carmel home.

Born in Long Beach, she moved with her family at an early age to Palo Alto, where she attended Castilleja School for Girls. In the early 1930s the family moved to Spokane, Wash., and there she graduated from high school. She returned to Palo Alto to attend Stanford University, where she graduated with a B.A. in art in 1939. While there, she became the first woman "humor editor" of "The Stanford Chaparral." She was elected an honorary member of the Hammer & Coffin Society; and belonged to Theta Sigma Phi Women's National Journalism Fraternity and Gamma Phi Sorority. She returned to Spokane after graduation and was a nurse's aide for returning war veterans and joined the Junior League of Spokane.

She met her future husband, Donald Edwards Campbell, in 1942 when he was involved in recruitment and induction for the U.S. Army in Spokane. They married in 1946, following his years of war service that included participating in the D-Day invasion and serving as a major and battalion commander. The couple settled in the Pacific Northwest, where they lived until 1957 when they moved to Carmel and operated a Scandinavian import/export business for almost 30 years.

Mrs. Campbell helped form the Junior League of Monterey County, and with her dear friend, the late Marcelia "Merky" von Hasseln, inaugurated the winter dancing classes at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach to support the children's ward of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She was also active in York School, where her husband was a founding member, served on the first auxiliary board of the Friends of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and was a member of the Carmel Foundation, Stanford Alumni Club, and the Maritime Museum and History Center. She was also a docent for La Mirada, sustaining member of the Junior League of Monterey County and founding member of the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by her husband, Donald of Carmel; a son, Donald Jr. of Carmel; a daughter, Ann Cowles of Pebble Beach; three grandchildren and a sister, Lois Cox of Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her brother, Merle Emry of Washington.

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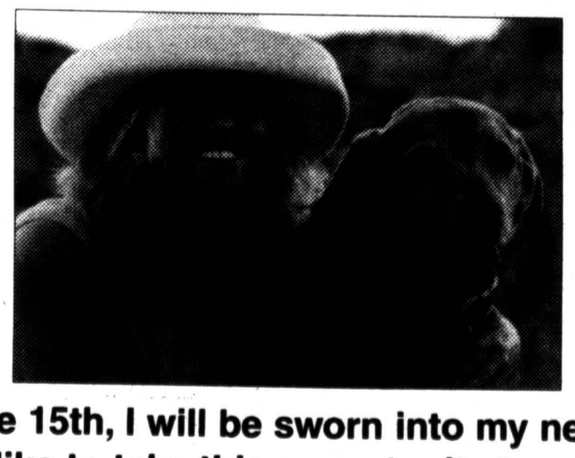

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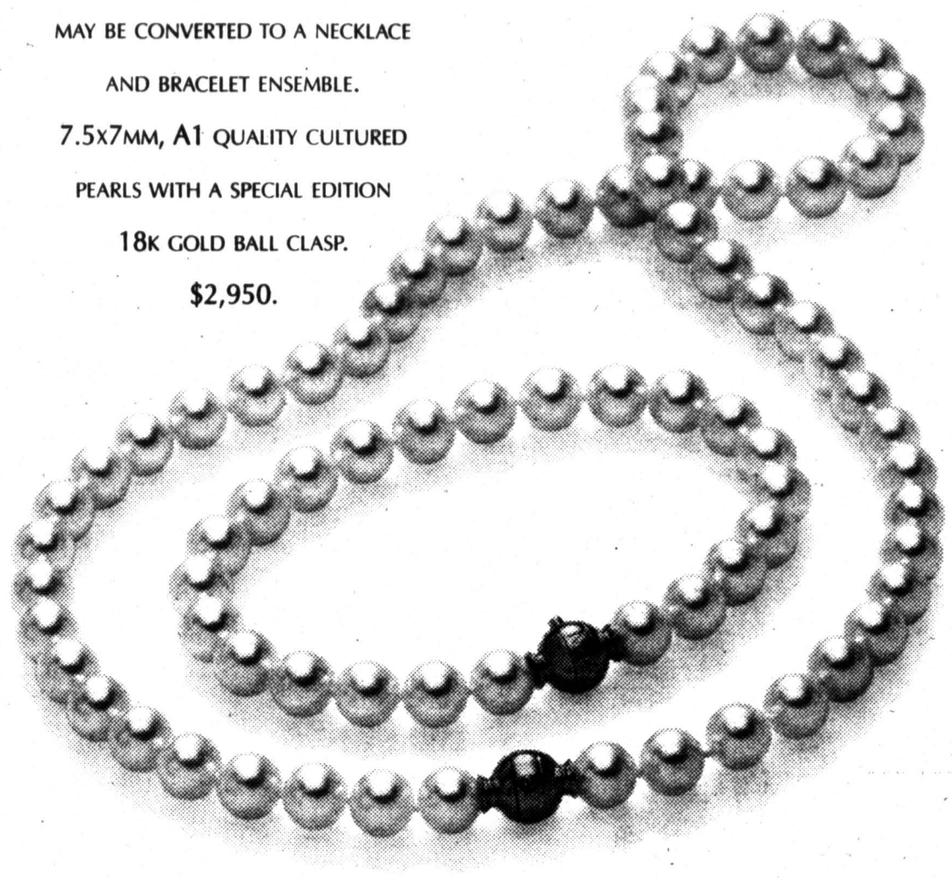

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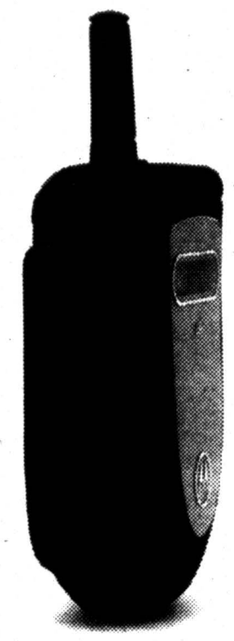

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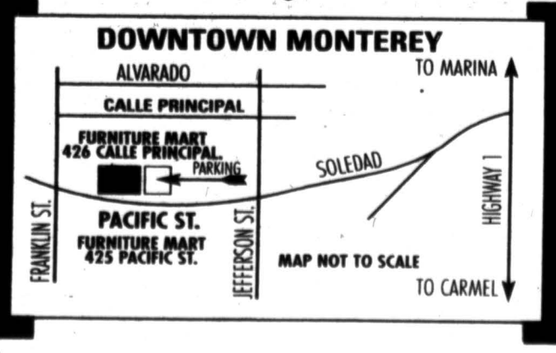

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Headhunting, desal top agenda for new water board's first meeting

By MARY BROWNFIELD

How to woo candidates for general manager, the draft environmental review of a Sand City desalination plant and yet more discussion of a recycled water project in Pebble Beach are among the 32 agenda items coming before the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board Dec. 15. The meeting will be the first for new board members Larry Foy, Michelle Knight and Kristi Markey, who will take their oaths of office that afternoon.

As anticipated, the new board will have a chance to vote on the recently enacted law allowing the financing and expansion of the recycled water project owned and operated by the Carmel Area Wastewater District and the Pebble Beach Community Services District. Ordinance 109 was unanimously approved last month, but director Alvin Edwards has asked the board to reconsider it.

Unpopular with both public agencies, recycled water users and the Pebble Beach Company, which would sell some of its water to finance the $22 million project, the ordinance provoked hours of discussion during the board's last several hearings. The parties said they could not support the new law and might be unable to sign the necessary contracts for their parts in the project unless it is changed.

If the board votes to reconsider it, staff will provide direction on the proper process, according to the agenda. If not, the law will remain final, though it cannot take effect until the contracts pertaining to the project, which would expand CAWD's plant near Carmel River and resurrect the currently dry Forest Lake Reservoir in Del Monte Forest, are signed. To pay for the improvements, Pebble Beach Company would sell parts of its water to Del Monte Forest residents at market rate — likely more than $150,000 an acre-foot.

Continuing its nine-month-long quest to replace former general manager Ernie Avila, the board will also consider approving a schedule, brochure and advertisement for the recruitment of viable candidates. Following Avila's resignation last March, the board quickly hired attorney Fran Farina as acting general manager at a rate of $10,000 per month, but she has said she has no intention of taking the job permanently.

Planner Henrietta Stern is set to present the draft environmental impact report on a proposed Sand City desalination plant which would produce 8,400 acre-feet a year. If the board votes to receive the draft, directors will then set dates for public workshops and a hearing on the document, according to the agenda.

Following the new directors' 4:45 p.m. swearing in, the board will immediately head into closed session to discuss employment and litigation issues, followed by the 7 p.m. regular meeting to be held in the conference room at the district's Monterey office, 5 Harris Court, Building G, in Ryan Ranch. For more information, call 658-5600.

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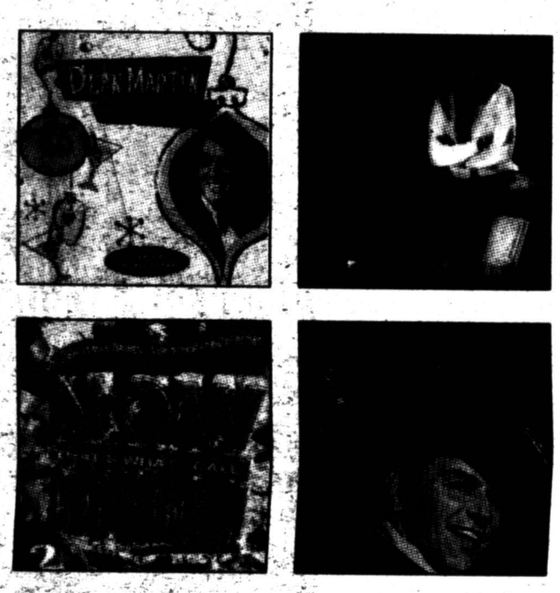

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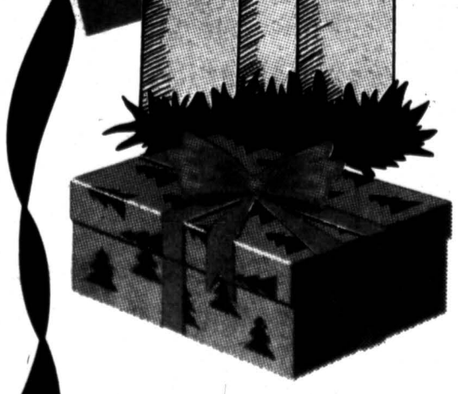

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CHARITY

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in a letter to the editor of The Pine Cone. "I know this because I have been the major recipient of their generosity."

It all began a decade ago, when Sandhya Kolar bought a 50-pound bag of rice after learning a family needed food.

"I started to put it in smaller bags, and it seemed enormous — just one 50-pound bag," she said. "And then it grew from there, and we now pack about 3,500 pounds of rice and about 500 pounds of beans every month."

On the last Sunday of each month, the Kolars load up a couple of friends' trucks with rice purchased at Costco, then head home to unload and rebag it.

"By then, people have assembled — friends mostly — and we make a line from the trucks to the living room, and these bags of rice are passed along" she said, adding that people take on different tasks, such as cutting open the bags, placing them throughout the small house, filling individual plastic bags with four to six cups of rice, twisting the bags shut and putting them back in the larger sacks.

Soon after, Costello arrives with her truck and another assembly line forms to load the 2,500 pounds of rice she typically takes. The remainder of the rice and the beans, as well as clothing, blankets and other supplies, are sent to public schools in Salinas and a couple of other groups for distribution to people in need.

Over the years, their efforts have grown as they've become more aware of the number of needy who have fallen through the cracks of conventional social service efforts. A decade ago, three people gathered to do the work each month, while at least 10 times that number participate now.

"This month we bought 100 blankets, and those have been given to Nancy and to the schools. We buy shoes, and in the winter, jackets and warm clothing, sweaters and that kind of thing — whatever's needed," she said.

Kolar also buys flannel on sale to make receiving blankets by hand for the newborns at Natividad Medical Center and uses donated funds to purchase sleepers, undershirts, hats and other clothing.

"I've had the privilege of not just receiving them for patients, but being able to distribute them," Natividad supervisor Tucker said, adding that the cash-strapped county hospital was ecstatic to learn of the gifts. The Kolars "don't get anything out of this other than peace of mind," she said.

Costello, who also gets donations from Safeway and Trader Joe's, spends most of her week taking the goods to four Salinas locations where farm workers come to meet her.

"I'm fortunate to be able to do this," she said, and the Kolars constantly offer their help. "They keep saying, 'If you need something, call.'"

Kolar described other requests she's recently filled, including four cases of peanut butter, crackers, powdered milk and packaged soups for "several single moms living in their cars," as well as the hundreds of toys for needy children which will be wrapped during this month's Sunday meeting.

"Once in a while, we get a call about a family that's just had a baby or twins, and they have nothing, and then I'll fill our car," with everything from clothing and toys to food and even a stroller, and deliver it, she said.

She's not a publicity seeker, but Kolar's joy in giving bubbles through when she talks about the loose-knit charity.

"It's not an organization — it's just a bunch of people," she said. "We have such veterans who come that sometimes, all 4,000 pounds gets unloaded, packaged and back out to the trucks in an hour or an hour-and-a-half.

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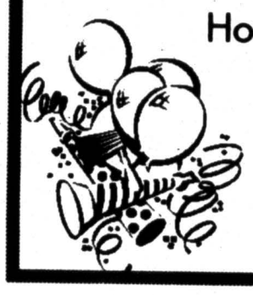

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COASTAL

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Big Sur resident Lisa Kleissner said the Coast Property Owners Association had met several times with coastal commission staffers on updating land use policies for the highly scenic area, but that the idea of limiting development based on views from public trails and the ocean never arose.

'We are greatly concerned that coastal staff did not share these issues with our group during the intense discussions during the last five months.'

— Lisa Kleissner

"We are greatly concerned that they did not share these issues with our group during the intense discussions during the last five months," she told the coastal commission. She accused the commission's staff of "inciting a divisive process."

A member of the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee, Barbara Layne, also said her committee hadn't been consulted about limiting development based on views from public trails and the sea.

"People are very concerned about that because it covers practically everything," Layne said. "There are public trails everywhere."

Numerous other interviews with Big Sur residents didn't elicit any comments supporting the proposal for increased protection of views from trails and the sea. (Development that can be seen from Highway 1 has been banned in most of Big Sur for more than 20 years.)

Only Gary Patton, executive director of Monterey County LandWatch, indicated any support for the plan, which he said the county should "consider very seriously."

Patton said he thought the idea of "preserving scenic views from all places where the public is specifically invited to be makes great sense." But he also said a comprehensive "viewshed analysis" would be required to determine the possible benefit of the new rules, and the possible costs.

"It will be necessary to see whether the more extensive viewshed protection would make any existing parcel 'unbuildable,' which would then set up a potential takings claim," Patton said, requiring that the property owner be compensated.

Under current law, any changes to land use rules in Monterey County would require the consent of the board of supervisors. However, when Malibu officials declined to adopt vast changes for their city demanded by the coastal commission, the commission convinced the Legislature to override city officials, putting the changes in place last year despite their objections.

No date has been set for the presentation by coastal commission staff members to Monterey County supervisors. The coastal commission's Monterey meeting, when the rules will again be considered, will take place March 17-19 at the Hyatt Regency on Old Golf Course Road, Monterey. The entire report on changes proposed by the coastal commission staff to local land use rules can be downloaded from the Internet at www.coastal.ca.gov/sc/W7a-12-2003.pdf.

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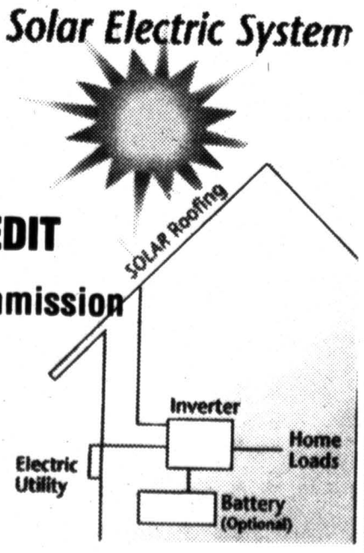

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SUSHI HEAVEN DELIGHTS THE PALATE AND THE EYE

THE WALLS are orange as ginger flowers and the kitchen green as wasabi. The color scheme for Sushi Heaven Japanese Restaurant, devised by Soon Huh — known as Sun — is inspired and reflects the light spirit and humor of its owner/chef. He has converted the former pizza place into a first class Japanese dining experience in a mere five months.

The decor is Japanese, except for the comfortable wooden French Provincial chairs around the tables, but shoji screens, Japanese architectural half roofs over the dining areas and sushi bar, and hanging lanterns are a delight to the eye.

Located on Dolores between Seventh and Eighth in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Sushi Heaven took over the space formerly occupied for years by Little Pizza Heaven.

Sushi aficionados will be thrilled by the innovative and artistic presentation of the varieties of sushi. Those who are not fond of raw fresh fish — no matter how attractively and tastily it is prepared and presented — will find teriyaki, tempura, udon fat noodles, and donburi rice dishes on the menu, too.

Sun has transformed the small interior into a comfortable and pleasing Japanese restaurant that can accommodate 34 diners, with eight at the sushi bar. And there's the walled patio off the back of the restaurant that seats eight patrons in good weather and provides a pretty aspect for inside diners to view — extending the visual depth of the restaurant dramatically.

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One of the most attractive items on the menu is a special rainbow maki roll of raw tuna, salmon, yellowtail and halibut ($10.50) sliced in one-inch segments. Sun arranges the sliced pieces in a circle until they resemble a flower with many petals, or even a Venetian paperweight with colorful rods arranged in a kaleidoscope of round flowers — or a rainbow.

There are 17 special maki rolls on the menu, and some have baked salmon incorporated in them, such as the Lion King Make ($10.50) which is a California roll topped with the baked salmon and dressed with house sauce. Sensual Pleasure ($8.50) caught our eye with its tempting ingredients of tuna, scallops, green onion, and dainty tobiko caviar, and wasabi sauce.

Tuna, sake or hamachi sashimi — sliced raw fish served with condiments — is available as an entrée served with steamed rice, house special green salad and miso soup for $16.95.

Lacquer bento boxes appear on the menu as "Special Lunch Box" ($10.50) and consist of separate compartments of teriyaki chicken, beef or salmon, tempura shrimp and vegetable, rice, salad, ginger and wasabi, and three pieces of sushi garnished with tobiko. The bento box is preceded by miso soup and a refreshing small salad of sliced cucumber and daikon radish threads — prepared with a fascinating special Japanese vegetable cutter — and a delicious dressing.

The menu is truly extensive — with more availabilities for dinner than for luncheon — including Nigiri in a myriad of choices. Nigiri is sliced raw fish with wasabi wrapped around boiled rice flavored with sweet rice vinegar; for two pieces they run from $1.50 to $4.15.

Makimono rolls are made of chopped vegetables, raw fish, pickles, tofu, and more, encased in sushi rice wrapped in nori; they range from $2.95 for an avocado maki, to $8.95 for a spider maki made with soft shell crab, cucumber avocado and tobiko.

There are all sorts of combinations of sushi and maki and even "Sushi meets sashimi" served with the house special salad and miso soup.

The luncheon menu offers appealing appetizers, salads, bento boxes, udon — thick Japanese noodles — served with a variety of fish, chicken, shell fish, and vegetables — and donburi, boiled rice topped with meat, fish, eggs and /or veg-

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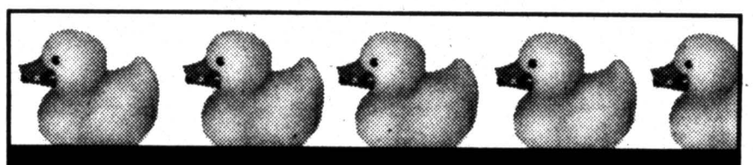
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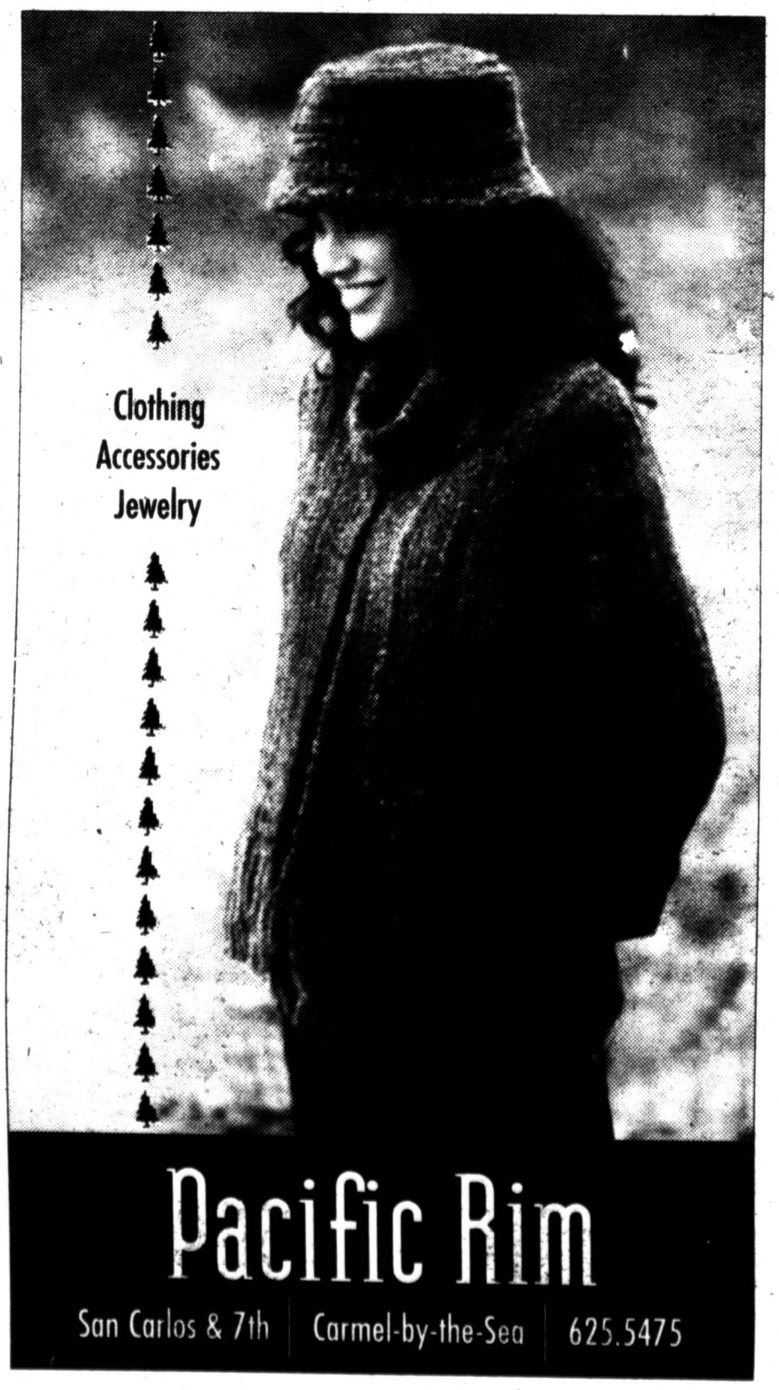
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Today's Real Estate

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The Importance of Light

At this time of the year, as we decorate for holidays there is always a common theme- regardless of religious traditions-candles and lights adorn our homes. When you plan on selling a home in any season know that the amount of light will directly affect your potential buyers.

In order to attract more buyers to your home, make sure that you do your best to lighten it up. Paint rooms that receive little direct sunlight in warm, light tones. Keep dark curtains away from windows so the natural light can shine through. Use supplemental lights where necessary in a dark room (for example, a beside table light in a dark bedroom corner). Remove extraneous pieces of large, dark furniture so there is a sense of space and light within a room instead of a sense of clutter.

Finally, from a market perspective, know that homes which lack light also tend to take longer to sell, and frequently sell for less than homes which are bathed in light. So, "lightening-up" will directly enhance your sales price. For questions about selling or buying homes on the Monterey Peninsula, please contact Maureen Mason at Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty directly at 622-2565 or on the web at http://www. maureenmason.com.

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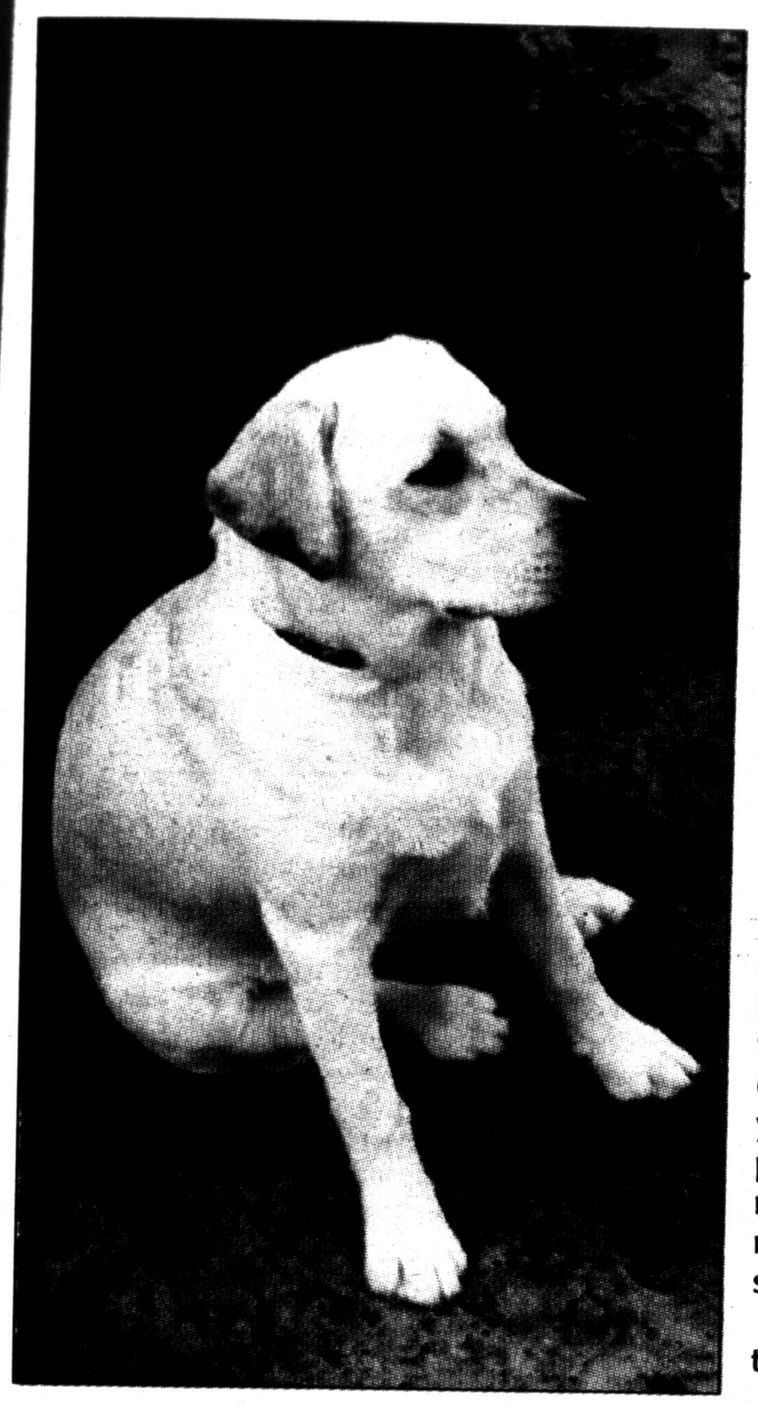
By Margot Petit Nichols

EMMA KREGER, 7 months old, is ever so laid back and loves to cuddle, in true Labrador fashion, but also is "full of the devil," as Mom Judy puts it.



At home, Emma impishly shoves all the magazines off the living room antique coffee table, the better to expose the corners for chewing, which she finds delicious. She has ripped up the emitters on the lawn's drip system, and has recently begun work digging up the main line. So many projects, so little time.

Fortunately Mom and Dad Leon have had so many Labradors they are not shocked by the puppy's predilection for demolition.

Emma can retrieve golf balls, two at a time, in her mouth, loves to chase German short-haired pointer Cassie Segale on Carmel Beach every morning, plays with and drapes herself over her sisters, Hannah, 2 years old, and Sara, 15, who puts up with all that puppy nonsense with equanimity, remembering here own salad days.

At night, the sisters distribute themselves around the house at bedtime: Sara sleeps in the kitchen in her cozy bed; Hannah sleeps in Mom and Dad's bedroom, and Emma snuggles with Mom in bed dreaming of possible new avenues for destruction in the morning.

A LA CARTE

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etables and broth.

Saki, wine and beer, as well as soft drinks are available, and delicious hot green tea steeped with brown rice.

For desserts, try tempura ice cream encased in light dough and deep fried. It is absolutely delicious.

Sushi chef/owner Sun received his training from Yuri restaurant and other Japanese restaurants in San Jose, Union City, Oakland, Sacramento and Monterey, but he has always yearned to have his own restaurant in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Jin, his brother, is the kitchen chef, his sister-in-law is usually a waitress at dinner, as are three Japanese and two Korean waitresses. Luncheon is served by Jesse Jessen.

Very telling of the fine quality and tastiness of the food at Sushi Heaven are many photographs of patrons on the walls — including a number of local chefs. Try it soon for luncheon or dinner.

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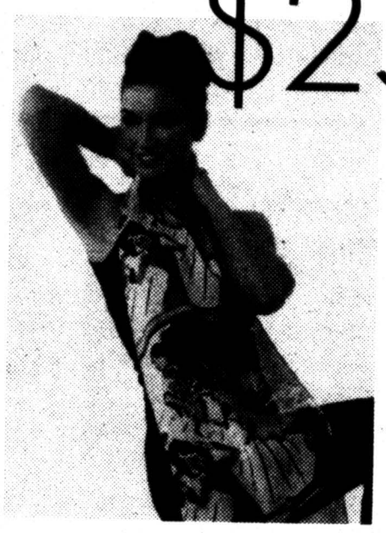

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CHOMP

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approved by Monterey County voters in 2000 but which the coastal commission staff seems to be trying to stop by ratcheting up protection of Monterey pines.

"Expanding the hospital is an important need for the community," said coastal commission executive director Peter Douglas. But approving the removal of the trees was a "slippery slope" that could make it easier for other landowners to cut down trees, he warned.

He proposed the commission approve the new wing of the hospital, which will contain 120 beds and eight surgery suites, only because the hospital offered to put a conservation easement on an adjacent 16-acre parcel of Monterey pine forest as a trade-off for clearing three-fourths of an acre for the new building. The Coastal Act would permit this "balancing," Douglas said, even though the lost pine forest qualified for special protection under the law as Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area.

His argument was supported by commission attorney Ralph Faust. But Faust said "reasonable minds can differ" whether ESHA can be used for development, and he acknowledged the commission had allowed the loss of ESHA under such circumstances only one other time.

Their reticence was underscored by the concerns of some commissioners and a Sierra Club attorney who monitors the commission.

"No ESHA in the State of California would be safe" if CHOMP were allowed to remove the 150 Monterey pines, warned Mark Massara. He said the Sierra Club was "adamantly against" the legal justification proposed to approve the hospital project.

Coastal commissioner Patrick Kruer agreed. "This isn't a slippery slope, it's an avalanche," he said.

"If they built up instead of out, the impact would be on scenic views instead of forest habitat," said commissioner Sara Wan. She suggested the commission put off a decision to look at alternatives.

But the hospital's president, Dr. Steven Packer, urged the commission to "act in a timely fashion," because the hospital hasn't added any beds since 1972 and its current facilities are full.

A majority of the commissioners quickly showed their determination to give Packer what he wanted. Their solution to the ESHA problem: To decide that the site for the CHOMP expansion wasn't ESHA after all.

"I've toured the property, and I frankly don't consider it to be ESHA," said Dave Potter, whose supervisorial district includes the hospital. "It has development, it has utilities, it's part of the general hospital environment."

Commissioner Cynthia McClain-Hill also called the designation of the immediate hospital grounds as ESHA "dubious."

Even the commission staff — which had proposed the ESHA designation — got in on the act.

"There should be a very strong presumption that remaining Monterey pine forest is ESHA," said district director Charles Lester. "But this three-fourths of an acre is immediately adjacent to existing development, there are already 'edge effects' in the habitat, and the understory has been weed-whacked. Definitely the land across the street [the 16 acres put into a conservation easement] is higher quality."

Commissioner Mike Reilly, unanimously reelected earlier in the day as chairman of the coastal commission, said the commission decided in 1997 that the pine forest on the hospital grounds wasn't ESHA, and "I have a growing unease on projects where the commission has made previous findings that it wasn't ESHA and now we say it is ESHA." He said there should be a "rigorous standard" for making such a switch.

(His comment was potentially important to the Pebble Beach Co. golf course, which would be located on 50 or more acres the coastal commission staff wants classified as ESHA, but which the commission decided in 1988 didn't qualify.)

Potter made the motion to approve the hospital project and delete the ESHA designation. Only Wan, a former coastal commission chair, voted no.

This was the final permit needed for the hospital's new wing, which will be called the Forest Pavilion. Construction will begin soon, Packer said, with completion scheduled for late 2005.

AMBULANCE

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The question is: Is it the right thing to do?"

The huge increase was proposed by AMR after what it said were mounting losses under the old contract, which had seen rates increase by 14 percent since 1996 — far less than the actual cost of doing business and not enough to compensate for shrinking payments from Medicare and Medicaid, according to the company.

"Just because their rates go up 60 percent doesn't mean their revenues will go up that much," said Len Foster of the county health department. "Government payers cap their reimbursements, and some private insurance companies will pay a lower rate." Also, some people who call an ambulance don't pay at all. The result is that only a few customers pay the full fare — and they have to pay an ever bigger portion of the overall costs.

To ensure faster response times, and to make sure the town's elderly residents don't hesitate to call an ambulance if they need one, Carmel subsidizes the cost of keeping an ambulance at the Sixth Avenue fire station and responding to calls within city limits — a subsidy that reached almost $225,000 this year, according to city administrator Rich Guillen. That subsidy could probably be cut dramatically if the city matches the county's rate, he said.

But Guillen and Rose said there is another factor — the possibility that some residents would hesitate to call an ambulance because of the high cost.

"Some people would be reluctant to use the service if they know it will cost almost $1,500 just to get to CHOMP," Rose said.

The new county contract imposes a penalty of $20 per minute for ambulance response times that are too slow. An additional $1,000 penalty is imposed if the delay was due to AMR personnel trying to determine if the patient can pay.

The new agreement expires at the end of 2004. AMR said it will no longer provide services in Monterey County after that date. According to Foster, the county has already begun the process of soliciting bids from other ambulance companies to take over in January 2005.

GALANTE

From page 2A

restaurant owner, and Janice Tancredi — urged the commission to approve the permit because it would add to the retail mix in town and showcase a local artisan's work.

"I think it's a great idea," said Walter Georis, an owner of Casanova restaurant. "I'm in the wine business as well, and people behave, especially when you make good wines."

No one opposed the new wine shop and tasting room, which would be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Before making a motion for approval, commissioner Alan Hewer requested conditions forbidding excess noise and outdoor consumption of alcohol — even though the Carmel Municipal Code already outlaws drinking in public, except at the beach. Repeated noise complaints from the upstairs tenant and parkgoers would generate a review of the use permit.

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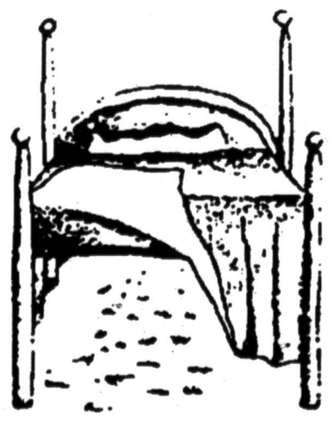

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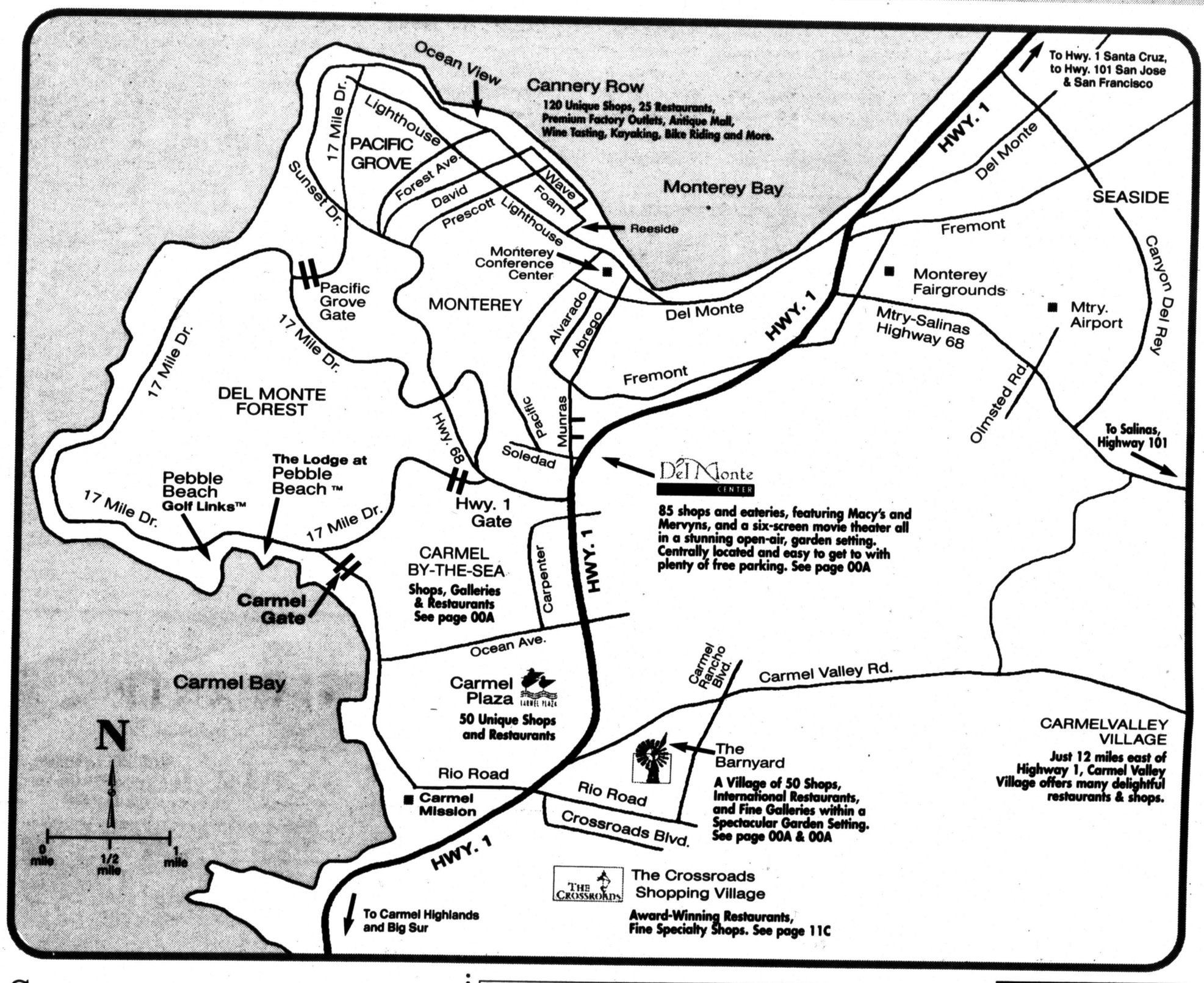

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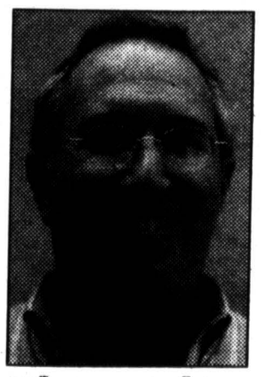

Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

DR. **DAVE Morwood** (plastic surgeon by day and drummer by night) has put together an impressive lineup of jazz this weekend at the Cafe Monterey in the Hyatt Regency Monterey. Performing tonight (Dec. 12) at the upscale hotel lounge is longtime local favorite saxophonist **Roger Eddy**.

Saturday night, Dec. 13, the Hyatt will celebrate the holidays with a special night featuring the first family of Monterey, the Marottas.

According to the patriarch of the family, Mike Sr., "We will be playing everything from soup to nuts . . . mostly nuts. It depends on who shows up." Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 372-1234.

At the Hidden Valley Theater tonight (Dec. 12) Rancho Productions presents an evening of acoustic music featuring **Paul Barrere** and **Fred Tackett**, guitarists from the popular rock 'n' roll band Little Feat. Barrere joined Little Feat for the band's third album, "Dixie Chicken," and has been with the band ever since.

During Little Feat's early '80s hiatus the versatile guitarist fronted his own group, Chicken Legs. Tackett has played guitar, trumpet and mandolin for Little Feat since the album "Let It Roll" and has performed with Bonnie Raitt, Robert Palmer and Carly Simon. The pair has combined its consid-

*See **PLUGGED IN** page 24A*

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WHAT: Dance Kids of Monterey County stage "The Nutcracker"
WHEN: Opening gala 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, features food, wine, a silent auction, Santa visit and preferred seating for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Gala admission is $50 adults, $25 children. Ballet also presented 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 14
WHERE: Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea
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Freedom celebrated in Eastman's 'Horses'; '60s time warp in 'Humboldt'

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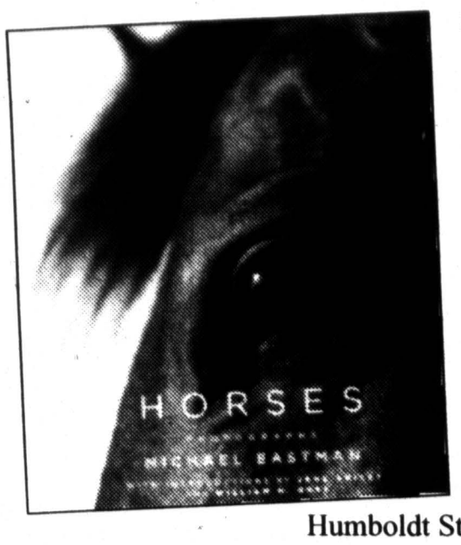

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KIMBERLY WHITE graduated from Humboldt State University, worked as a journalist in Seattle, Southern California and Washington, D.C., and is now a freelance writer living in Monterey.

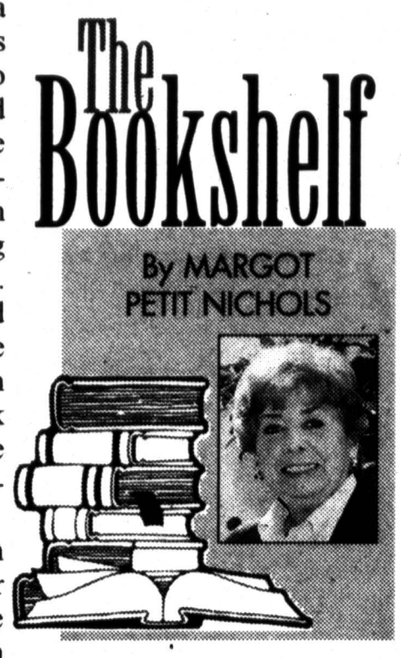
In writing classes they always told us to write what we know. And White has done that with her first novel, **"Humboldt."** It is the story of Sasha Meyers, a young journalist in the Arts & Entertainment department of the Long Beach Star who escapes an overly critical boss — who overloads her with assignments — by taking a driving trip with an English girlfriend to Arcata and the fishing village of Trinidad not far from the campus of Humboldt State U.

Humboldt, they soon find out, is in a '60s if not '70s time warp where meth labs and marijuana groves are in abundance, some students are zoned out virtually all the time, and some live in the forest as nature children, aging though they may be.

The plot involves a greedy developer who wants to clear-cut the forest to build condominiums, and environmentalists become incensed. A man is discovered in the crevice of an ancient redwood, a seeming suicide, but no note is found.

Sasha and her friend become involved with the locals and politics, with Sasha e-mailing stories back to Long Beach, while rethinking their relationships with their boyfriends.

This is a well-written book and will tell the reader a great deal about the lifestyles of many living in Humboldt County. It's a quick read. The 254-page softcover, published by 1st Books Library, retails for $15.55.



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REMINDER: **Megan Lee** and **Ryan Masters** will read from their works at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel, presented by the National Writers Union Local 7. Lee will read from **"An Eye in the Wall"** and Masters from **"below the low-water mark."** Admission is $5.

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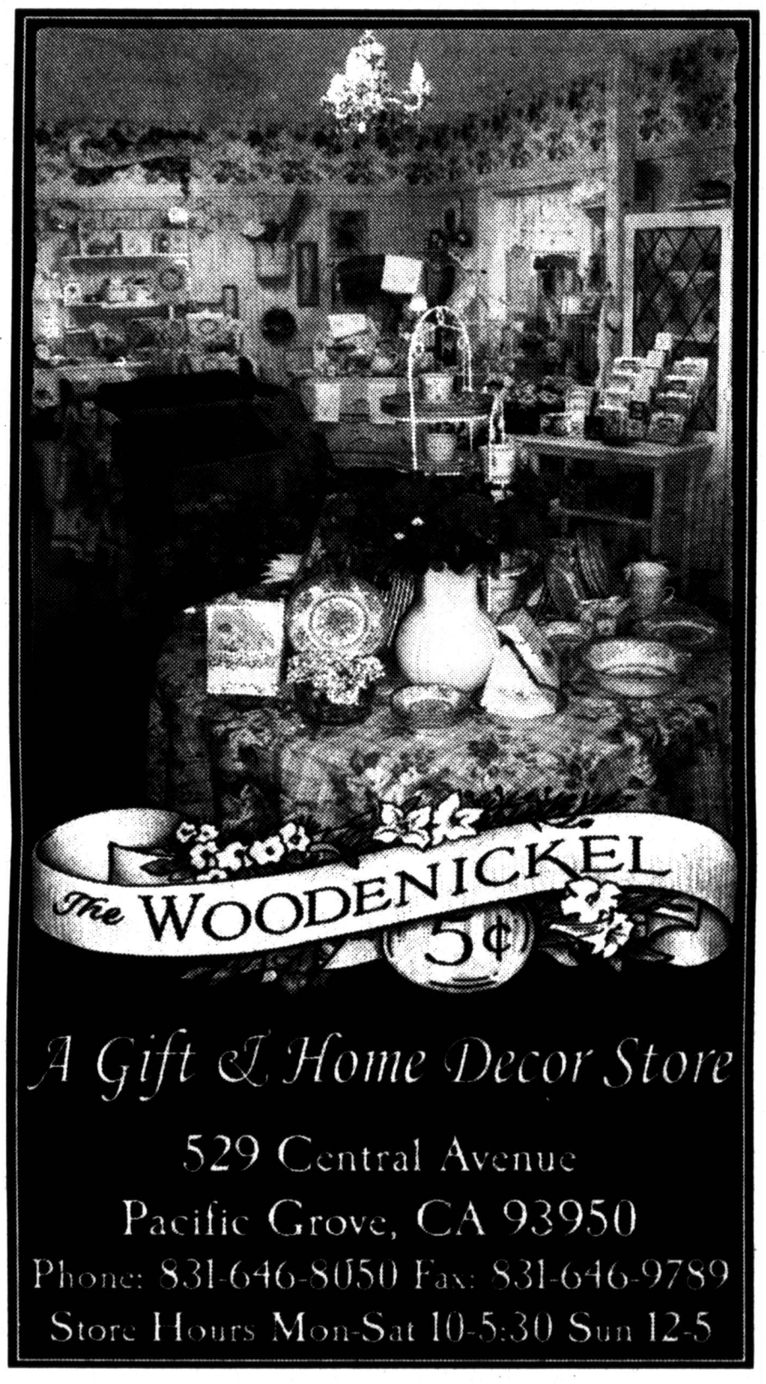

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Eclectic 'Seed Beneath the Snow' recommended holiday fare

By STEPHEN R. HARRIS

theater review

AT CARMEL'S Carl Cherry Center, local all-round theater genius Carey Crockett has constructed an inviting turn-of-last-century drawing room and filled it with six of the finer performers of our area, under his skilled direction, to present local audiences with a Christmas confection to be savored.

Originally packaged in playable form by writer and actor Chuck Thurman, and presented by Crockett's Unicorn Theatre in 1988, the program presents a spectrum of varied insights into the holiday season — by writers as diverse as Hans Andersen, Mark Twain, W.M. Thackeray, W.H. Auden, H.L. Mencken, Ernest Rhys and Louden Wainright — to create a complex and compelling composite. Thurman and Crockett avoid the more traditional Dickensian spectacle of tiny tots lurching about on tiny crutches while flour-faced performers, carrying ropes of chains, clank about, cluttering up one's quarters.

Traditionalists will be pleased that the Magi still bring their gift of wisdom to the loving young couple as limned by O' Henry, and that Virginia is, I'm sure, well pleased to learn, per Francis P. Church, that there is indeed a Santa Claus. But if your Christmas stocking requires sugar plums line-dancing through your frontal lobe to the accompaniment of frigid snow persons and red-nosed reindeer, sung by Crosby and Como, stay home, heat up the hot chocolate and warm up the wireless — this presentation is probably not for you.

On-stage performers, three of each persuasion when I visited last Sunday, comprise the cast: Lauren Austin, Robert Colter, Rob Foster, Sam Givens, Susan Keenan and Tricia Wayne.

Other actors who participate on varying occasions include Constance Denning, Peter M. Eberhardt, Jody Gilmore, Skip Kadish, Edie Karas and Clint Ward, with Morgan Gilbert listed in the Sunday program, but perhaps performing at another time.

Small suggestion

Costumed by the always evident abilities of Adrianna Wellisch, the players are appropriately garbed for their individual selections. However, in this semi-formalized setting, I might suggest that button-down collars for the gentlemen be truly buttoned down, and that lapel adornments, in this case worn by one performer and consisting of a golden disc and a red rectangular object — be either removed or explained. If they connoted either political or religious factions, I was unsure whom to vote for or kneel to, and if purely decorative, many more were needed to complete the illusion of an animated Christmas tree.

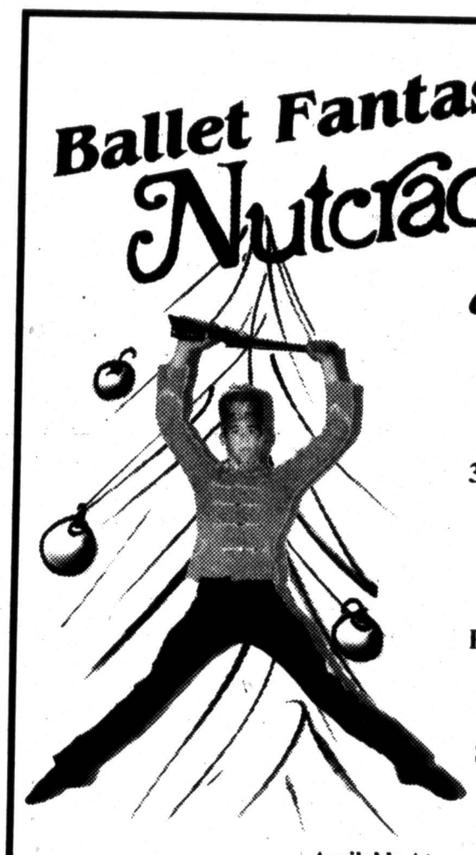
Contemporary musical compositions by localite George Cromarty, while unknown to this auditor, provide a fine contrast in context, considerably adding to the enjoyment of the experience.

One final suggestion, regarding a particularly pesky podium which periodically appeared, presuming at one point to take on a life of its own: Learn the lines and lose the lectern.

Running at approximately two hours, including one intermission, Unicorn's "A Seed Beneath the Snow" is highly recommended holiday fare for the entire family.

■ *This Unicorn Theatre production continues in Carmel's Cherry Center 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 21. For tickets, call 649-0259.*

Ballet Fantasque's Nutcracker



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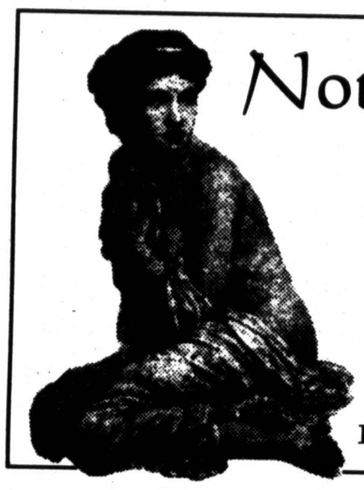

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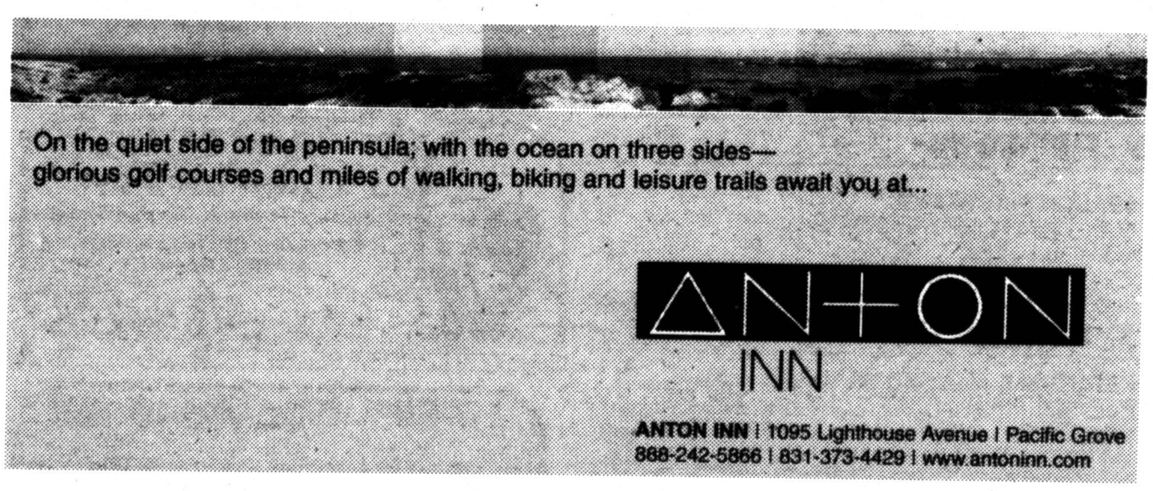

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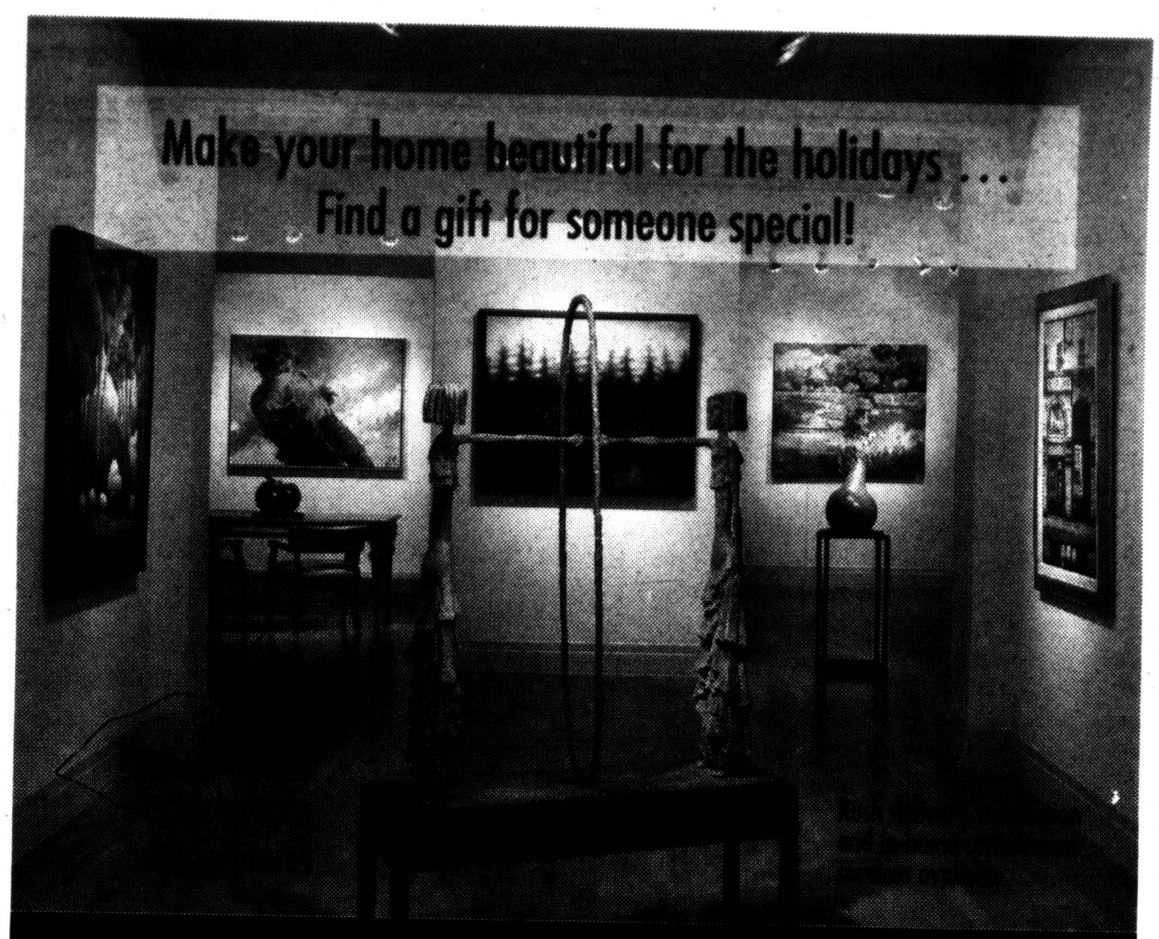

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OPINION

Editorial

While you're looking the other way

'DISTRACTION THEFTS' have hit the Monterey Peninsula hard this year.

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The kind of thievery that's becoming commonplace involves imposing new fees on the public while they're not looking, or convincing them to accept a new tax by calling it something else.

For example, on Dec. 4 Monterey County voters didn't give Measure Q the two-thirds majority it needed to become law. The half-cent sales tax increase that would've gone to subsidize health care for the poor at Natividad Hospital will not be put into effect. We supported Measure Q and we're sorry to see it fail.

But while the taxpayers tried to protect their wallets by turning Measure Q aside, this week the county hit them in the pocketbook for a new medical subsidy without even asking.

That's what the increase in ambulance rates amounts to — a tax on people who pay their medical bills, for the benefit of other people who can't pay or won't pay.

There's nothing wrong with this — provided the public is fully informed about what's going on. Instead, they're told that the increase to a minimum of $1,008 for a trip in an ambulance simply reflects the increased cost of delivering a high tech van and trained personnel to their door when they need it. Buried in the paperwork is the fact that most people who use the local ambulance service don't pay anywhere near the "rack rate." They'll be subsidized by the people who do — making the increased ambulance rates the equivalent of a really expensive Measure Q for the benefit of the ambulance company and its non-paying customers.

The rash of ADA lawsuits hitting Peninsula businesses is also a form of distraction theft. The ADA was advertised as a law to protect the rights of the disabled. But it was really a method for taking money from businesses — whether they actually discriminate against the handicapped or not — and giving it to the disabled and their attorneys. For decades, American civil courts have been a place where income redistribution was the actual *raison d'etre*, not the advertised righting of wrongs. For the most part, that meant only big corporations and wealthy individuals had their pockets picked in courtrooms. Thanks to the ADA and its ridiculously low threshold for "breaking the law," even mom and pop stores can be held up for $10,000 or so — in effect, a tax to increase the incomes of the disabled who choose to sue.

California's Workers Compensation Insurance crisis is another example of taxing businesses under false pretenses. It purports to be about protecting employees if they are injured on the job, but the workers comp system is so rife with fraud it has largely become a vehicle for unscrupulous workers to fatten their paychecks (while they aren't working). Meanwhile, ultra-high premiums paid by employers make it harder for honest employees to get the raises they deserve.

With tax increases so hard to pass in this state, we probably won't have to wait long to see a host of other ingenious techniques to move money from Peter to Paul without Peter realizing it.

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Paying for 'Draconian methods'

Dear Editor:

I have been told that our state currently has in the neighborhood of 30 lawsuits filed against them stemming from actions of the California Coastal Commission. One of these many suits was brought on my behalf for what I consider to be a blatant disregard for individual property rights on the part of the commission. It is obvious they are illegally using their position to require individual property owners to dedicate land and make concessions inconsistent with the local land use plan and the U.S. Constitution in exchange for single family building permits.

I am a 70-year-old Michigan transplant who has served my country during the Korean conflict and spent the balance of my life in California, employed and paying taxes. I now find myself being held hostage by the California Coastal Commission. Instead of enjoying my retired years, free of stress, I am involved in a lawsuit brought about by a public commission that is zealously and illegally demanding building restrictions beyond reason.

Their action is inconsistent with past actions, is tainted by an overly aggressive neighbor and in total, ignores past decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a time when our state can ill afford excess and extraneous expenditures, they continue to press property owners to the point of submitting to their extortion or seeking relief through the courts. For many, the financial burden, the waste of precious time, and the mental anguish is untenable and victims are forced to submit to their demands.

I am pleading on behalf of the owners in similar circumstances that some relief is given and at the same time, free up the court system and relieve the state of unnecessary financial burdens.

It would seem that a panel of three attorneys could review many of these cases and

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LETTERS

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make suggestions for settlement, saving time and money. Perhaps a trio of attorneys being a past judge, an employee of the A.G.'s office and a volunteer from the Pacific Legal Foundation. If agreement is not reached, the case could continue. The main point being to get rid of the special interests and accurately interpret current law.

If our case is typical, I feel that independent and unfettered minds would obviate the need for further legal action in the majority of cases and allow many state residents to proceed with more constructive activity.

Coastal commissioners also need to recognize their accountability to the people who put them there. It would be interesting if they were made to pull from their budget all costs and legal fees required to defend their Draconian methods.

Murray M. Smith, *Pebble Beach*

Sell Natividad

Dear Editor:

Now that Measure Q has been defeated, we all need to think about how to help the doctors and nurses at Natividad. They are under-funded and overloaded with work. They constantly beg politicians for dwindling revenue sources and end up with crumbs. This is no way to run a hospital.

For Natividad to provide better care and more services to the indigent, it needs to be outside the political arena. Natividad needs to be sold to a responsible profit or nonprofit medical company. As a non-government entity, the hospital will then be able to raise capital in the bond market or issue stocks. For instance, Columbia/HCA bought the public hospital of Conroe, Texas, for $104 million — $20 million over the estimated fair market value. The hospital had $58.6 million in bond debt. Indigents fared best of all. The number of indigents served went up substantially — enrollees increased 11.7 percent from 1995 to 1996. The supervisors need to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to see what medical companies might offer. It is time to make real changes.

Lawrence Samuels, *chair*
Coalition of Taxpayers Against a Sales Tax Increase
Carmel Valley

Matter of pronunciation

Dear Editor:

Could you inquire of the Mayor the proper pronunciation of the street on which she resides? Knowing of Portuguese explorers' visits to California and the Spanish settlers' follow-up with a wayward French pirate thrown in later, I find no evidence of any Italian adventures on the West Coast of the U.S. Columbus, a good Italian, did his work in the Caribbean but an Italian influx didn't take place on the Peninsula until the Sicilian fishermen showed up in Monterey 100 years ago.

I endeavor to call the mountains to the south of us (the Santa Lucia chain) by what I think is a Spanish pronunciation, the Santa Lew See A range. Yet I find some local residents (including a Carmel police officer the other day) referring to the Mayor's street — the southern boundary of Carmel — as Santa Lew Chee A.

What says Her Honor?

Kenneth Bullock, *Carmel*

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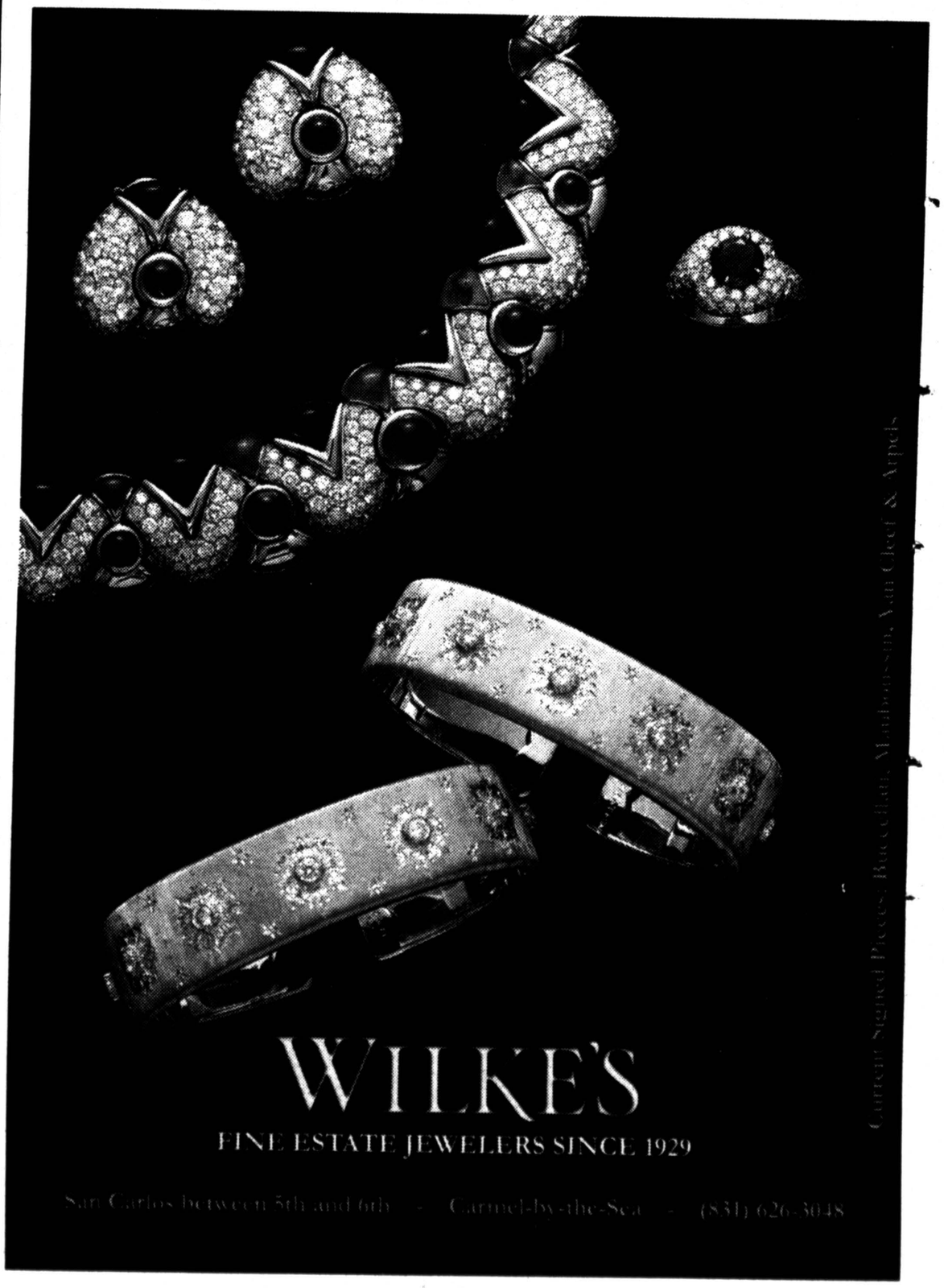

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$4 million facelift takes Tradewinds Inn to a 'new level of luxury'

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■ This week's cover home, located in Carmel Valley is presented by Hallie Mitchell Dow & team of The Mitchell Group (see page 2B)

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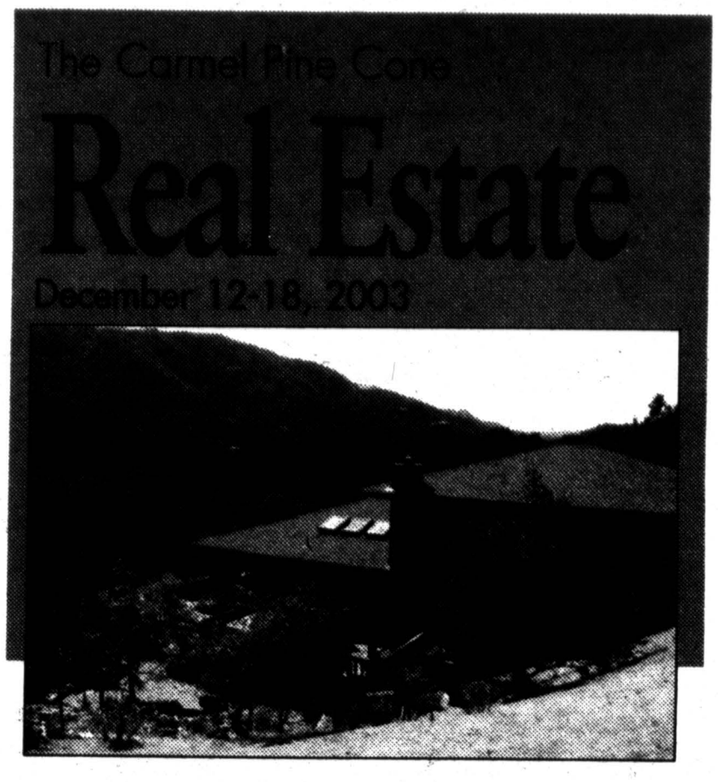

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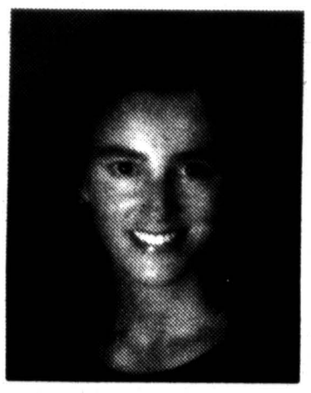

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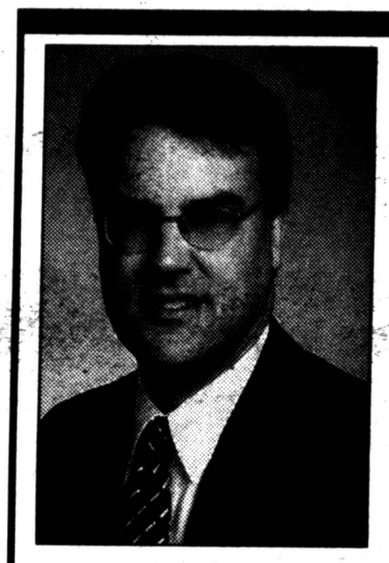

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John Henry & John Morgan Felix to Leo A & Laura A Wilson
2568 14th St $2,100,000
Jerome Michael & Joyce Bet Meyer to Andrew Morris & Margare Stephens
Casanova St 2SW Of 10th Av $312,500
Thomas J & Dianne J Garcia to Thomas J & Dianne J Garcia
2496 San Antonio Av $2,500,000
Douglas W Johnson to Eric C & Darlene B Hanson
Mission St 5 SW 13th Av $850,000
Frank & Ardath G Perry to Conrad B & Cindy J Fournier
Santa Fe St $685,000
Mark & Cynthia K Wilbur to Richard C & Betty M Dalsemer
3810 Whitman Cir $824,500
Gary F & Dorothy F Newton to Joseph & Cozzette Krings

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

7 Palo Colorado Cyn Rd $590,000
Jeffrey Mora to Thomas & Collette McGregor

CARMEL VALLEY

4110 Segunda Dr $1,180,000
Max R & Barbara J Tadlock to John W & Catherine Sullivan Wright
918 W Carmel Valley Rd $685,000
David L & Cheryl J Borne to Stephen J & Julie R Slocum
10419 Fairway Ln $1,011,000
Anthea E Andrews to Robert E Riley
3850 Rio Rd Unit 40 $644,500
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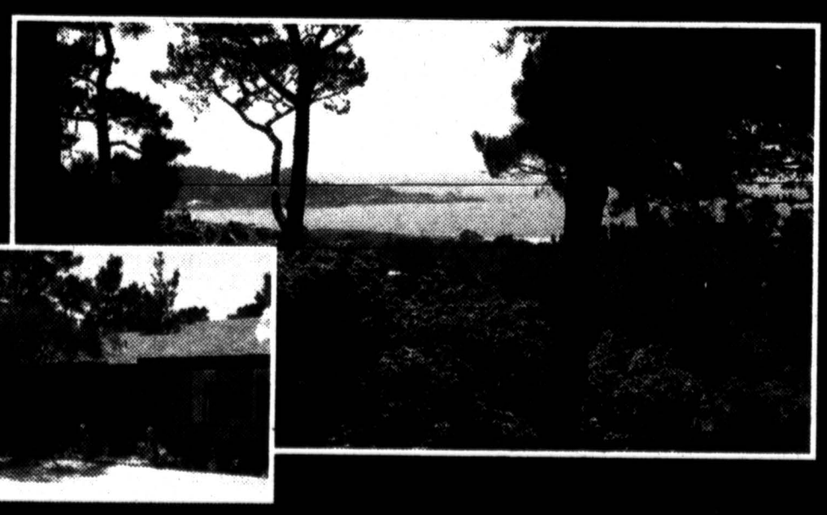
DEBBIE HAMPTON & LOREN PHILLIPS — Offered at $1,295,000



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$5,995,000 **646-2120**

CARMEL VALLEY – Embraced by the Los Padres National Forest, Rancho El Sueño is a sanctuary for the mind and soul. This three bedroom, three bath timeless contemporary pueblo-style adobe is a unique property, rich in detail. Gorgeous vineyard views, masterful architecture, and pure tranquility…unwind from the chaotic pace of the world in your own little piece of heaven...

$1,450,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL – Steps to town, this awesome location enables you to become a part of Carmel life. With almost 2,200 sq. ft., this large home is in perfect move-in condition with many upgrades throughout. The unique floor plan will give the new owner many options. Use the house now and have two separate in-law or guest private suites, or easily convert it to one large retreat.

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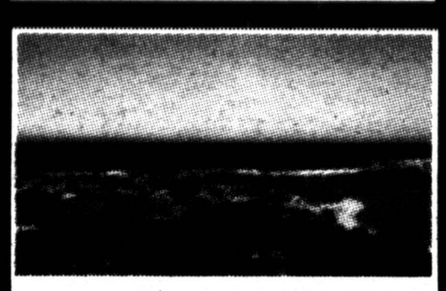
CARMEL VALLEY – Located in the ever-popular and recently renovated Quail Lodge area, this single level three bedroom, two bath, 2400 sq. ft. home offers golf course views with maximum privacy. An idyllic setting with river views, extra large rear yard and fruit trees, the home is light and bright, the floor plan and rooms are appealing. Sitting beyond the fog, with great walking paths, near golf and tennis, this home is a great value.

$1,395,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL WOODS – Private, serene, peaceful…you will feel transported when you walk through the gates to this masterpiece, perfectly sited on a quarter acre, lushly landscaped parcel. Indoor/outdoor living at its finest, with French doors everywhere, inviting you out to sit by the pool by day, or on the deck with fireplace by night. Exquisitely and tastefully appointed throughout!

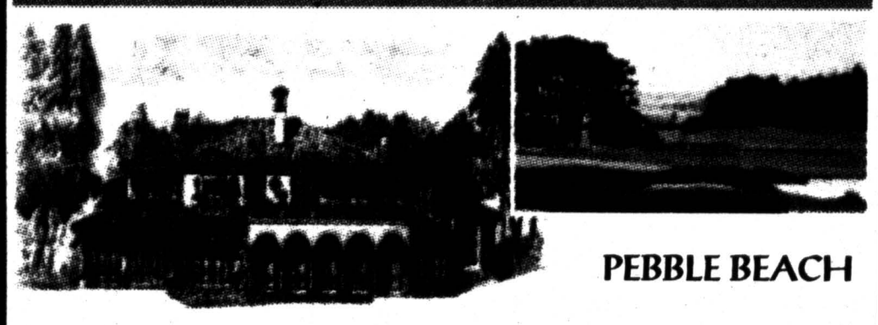
$2,795,000 **624-6482**



PEBBLE BEACH – Enjoy beautiful fairway, ocean and beach views from this spectacular, front-line end unit at the Spanish Bay Residences. This stylishly remodeled three bedroom, three and one half bath home offers many custom touches and features including an elevator, extensive custom lighting and may be available fully furnished. Walk to the Athletic Club, golf, tennis courts, and the many amenities available at The Inn at Spanish Bay.

$3,700,000 **624-0136**

PRIVACY & OCEAN VIEWS IN PEBBLE BEACH



PEBBLE BEACH

Situated along the second hole of famed Pebble Beach. Purchase includes approved plans, permits and water for an 8,300+ sq. ft. Mediterranean estate designed by renowned architect Arthur Valdes. Design includes four suites, four and one half baths, formal dining room, family room, library, soaring ceilings and French doors plus home theater, wine cellar, exercise room and four car garage.

$10,000,000 **624-0136**

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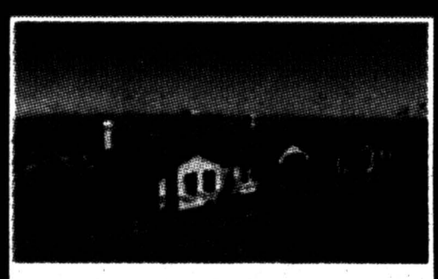
CARMEL VALLEY

Only seven minutes to downtown Carmel. Built with the finest craftsmanship and materials, this 4,000 sq. ft. three bedroom, three bath home is filled with luxurious upgrades including cathedral ceilings, a gourmet kitchen, a handsome library, four fireplaces, a formal dining room, two master bedrooms, a sunroom, and much more.

$4,250,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL VALLEY – Private, fenced, 3.8 acre property set in Los Ranchito, features a restored/remodeled two-bedroom, one bath cottage, vineyard, and classic six-stall barn, plus a Carmel stone patio, redwood deck, and sunroom. Living room fireplace, hearth, and mantel re-built in Carmel River Stone. Plans for a 4500+ sq. ft. home designed by George Brook-Kothlow, well included.

$2,250,000 **624-0136**

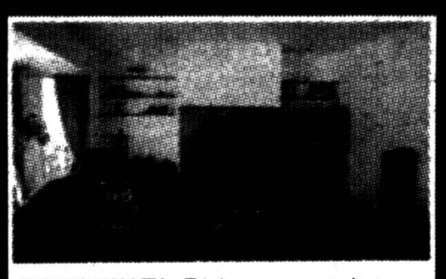


MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY – You can just feel the intimacy and grace of this 4,300 sq. ft., four bedroom, four bath estate in the exclusive "Prominence" community of Las Palmas Ranch. The flowing floor plan, lush landscaping, patios, fountain and vibrant vistas create an ideal setting for entertaining and relaxation. Other features include gourmet kitchen, library, formal dining room, luxurious master suite and three-car garage.

$1,495,000 **646-2120**

CARMEL – Secluded on a quiet lane, close to town is this cottage remodeled in 2001. Featuring two bathrooms and a spacious kitchen, complemented with granite counters, wine cooler, fine appliances. Sunroom overlooks a stone courtyard, gardens and a picturesque sprawling oak. Two-sided fireplace, radiant heat in kitchen and sunroom, and hardwood floors in the rest of the home. Some owner financing available.

$1,175,000 **624-6482**



CARMEL VALLEY – This is a rare opportunity to own 4.5 pastoral, level acres in a prime location. Ideally located west of the "Village" yet far enough out to enjoy the sunny climate. The home is nearly new, attractively designed and features three bedrooms, two baths, family room with unique raised hearth fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast room, patio and decks. Serene valley vistas!

$1,495,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL VALLEY – This property exemplifies what is best about Carmel Valley --complete privacy, gently sloping land with spectacular mountain views, fenced gardens with a charming garden house. The well maintained and updated house has three bedrooms, two and one half baths in addition to an attached studio with a full bath which could be the fourth bedroom, in-law quarters or an artist's studio.

$1,050,000 **659-2267**

MONTEREY – Located on a quiet street in Peters Gate, one of the best locations on the peninsula, you'll find this four bedroom, three bath turnkey home. Features include an open, tiled kitchen with all the amenities – great for entertaining, hardwood floors, and vaulted ceilings. French doors lead to an open patio and private hot tub area. Close to downtown Monterey.

$1,150,000 **646-2120**

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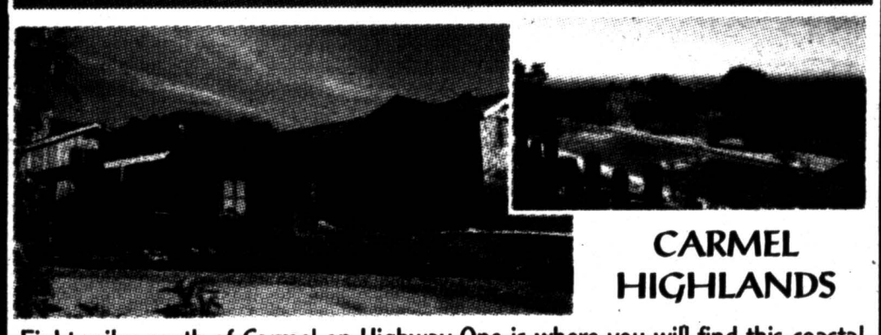
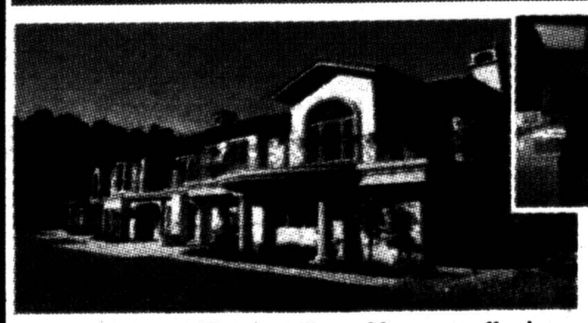


CARMEL HIGHLANDS

Eight miles south of Carmel on Highway One is where you will find this coastal homestead with turn of the century charm and present day amenities. Offering a main house, guest house, lap pool, corral, riding arena, stable and artist's studio all situated upon six acres exhibiting an old west motif. Visual treats abound from the mountainous backdrop to the spectacular ocean views.

$4,700,000 **624-6482**

SWEEPING VIEWS FROM MONTERRA



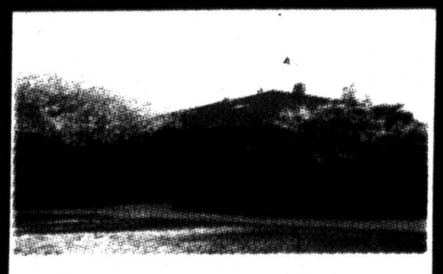
MONTEREY/ SALINAS HWY

This one year old Tuscan villa at Monterra affords sweeping views which include the Club House at Tehama, rolling oak-studded hills and pine forests. This four bedroom, four full bath home features attention to detail – beveled stone floors with radiant heat, hand-finished pecan flooring,and hand-made cabinetry throughout. This home is packed with numerous top-of-the-line amenities.

$3,995,000 **646-2120**

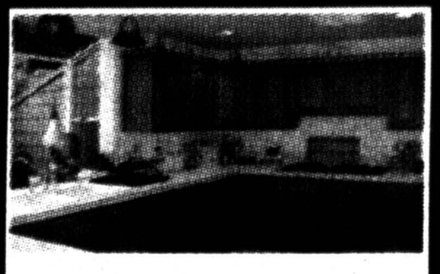
CARMEL – This recently constructed 3359 sq. ft. Mediterranean beauty has four bedrooms, three and one half baths and an office. All just steps from the ocean and private beach access. Along with whitewater views, the design includes limestone and marble flooring with radiant heat, cherry cabinets, granite counters, top of the line appliances, two home theaters, three fireplaces, central vacuum system, hot tub, waterfall and more.

$2,250,000 **624-6482**



CARMEL VALLEY – This single level, two bedroom, two bath has been completely remodeled and beautifully updated and features expanded rooms, including the entry with an over-sized skylight. Enjoy the beautiful gourmet kitchen, fireplace, as well as the den, which opens on to a deck and lovely southerly views. All this within walking distance to the clubhouse. A must see!

$790,000 **659-2267**



CARMEL VALLEY – This private two bedroom, two and one half bath Club Place unit enjoys a sunny location along the 9th fairway with southwestern views of the golf course, ponds and mountains from both levels. Located within an easy stroll to the tennis facility and golf clubhouse. Amenities include fireplaces in both the living room and master suite, plantation shutters, wet bar, extended decking and a two car garage.

$859,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL VALLEY – The ultimate California country lifestyle. Offering ocean and valley views with great vineyard potential minutes to Carmel, California, this 2,000 acre property consisting of 10 parcels ranging in size from 90 to 350 acres uniquely captures these prized features. Quintana invites you to make this unique location your "Country Home." Prices range from $2.95 - $4.65 million.

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CARMEL – Location! Location! Location! Within Carmel's "Golden Rectangle" on an over-sized corner lot is this delightful three bedroom, three bath residence. Secluded behind an oriental wall, one enters the impressive wood gate to be greeted by a sunny flower-filled patio. The sunroom off the master bedroom opens to a beautiful lush garden area. Yours to expand, remodel, update or simply enjoy.

$2,195,000 **624-6482**

PEBBLE BEACH – Spectacular location, just steps to The Lodge with Pt. Lobos ocean views, and over an acre of beautifully manicured gardens and mature oak trees. Over 4,000 sq. ft. of open living space with formal entry, vaulted cathedral ceilings, French doors, decks and courtyard. Impeccably maintained, this Eric Miller design and remodel boasts four large bedrooms and three and one half baths including separate guest quarters.

$3,200,000 **624-0136**

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Complete re-do keeps Tradewinds Inn at forefront of motel luxury

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WHEN IT opened in 1959, the Tradewinds Inn was considered an outstanding example of the revolution in motel building that swept the nation as innovative mini-resorts replaced the tiny roadside cabins that dotted the nation's highways in the 1950s.

Owner Richard Catlin introduced amenities such as wall-to-wall carpeting, telephones in every room and a kidney-shaped swimming pool to his property at Mission and Third in Carmel.

A lifelong devotee of Asian culture, Catlin also designed the Tradewinds with numerous architectural details from the Orient.

Catlin died in 1998. Now his daughter, Susan Stilwell, has taken the Tradewinds to a whole new level, with a $4 million renovation that has turned her father's motel into one of Carmel's most luxurious inns and a showplace of Asian design.

"To create an atmosphere of tranquility and romance, we replaced the swimming pool with a series of cascading waterfalls, a meditative garden and lush tropical plants," Stilwell explained. "Our design philosophy was inspired by the principles of feng shui and a desire to stimulate the five senses."

Not only do Tradewinds guests get an oasis of Oriental serenity just three blocks from Ocean Avenue, they are indulged with a host of exceptional modern amenities.

"The linens are Egyptian cotton; we have special four-inch feather beds; our guests get kimono-style robes and slippers," Stilwell said. "And we're putting in Wi-Fi Internet access."

To fulfill the vision inspired by her father's creativity and business acumen, Stilwell hired Charles Gruwell, a Monterey Peninsula native who has achieved international fame for his innovative Pacific Rim design work, including the Four

PHOTO/COURTESY TRADEWINDS INN

The principles of feng shui guided the redesign of Carmel's Tradewinds Inn. A lush, tropical patio is a centerpiece of the project.

FIRST TIME OPEN! SAT, 11:00-3:00

If a lush, wooded setting outside your windows is your style, you must see this exquisite Carmel Woods home. The property stretches to an almost double corner lot on a private wooded street. This 3-bedroom, 2-bath, 1620 square foot home features fireplaces in the living room and master bedroom, a skylight in the kitchen, 2-car finished garage with sink, and a new roof and heating system.

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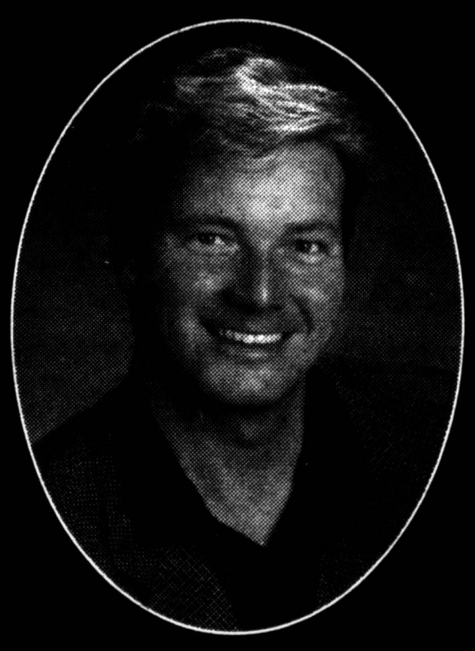

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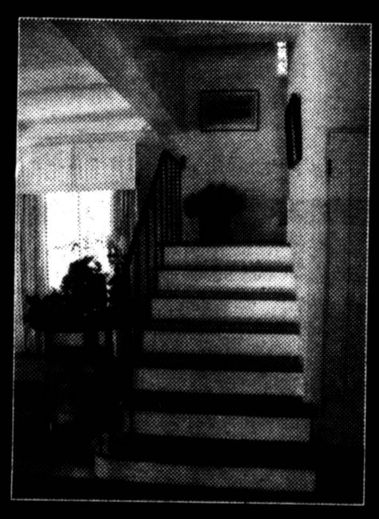

Flawlessly remodeled, this spacious, 3,200+ sq. ft. home is the embodiment of elegance. Reigning majestically over sumptuous gardens and patios on an oversized, gated lot, the 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath residence offers beautiful views of the ocean and Pebble Beach from the lovely Master suite. Meticulous attention to detail, and the use of fine materials and appliances make this refined residence a true delight.

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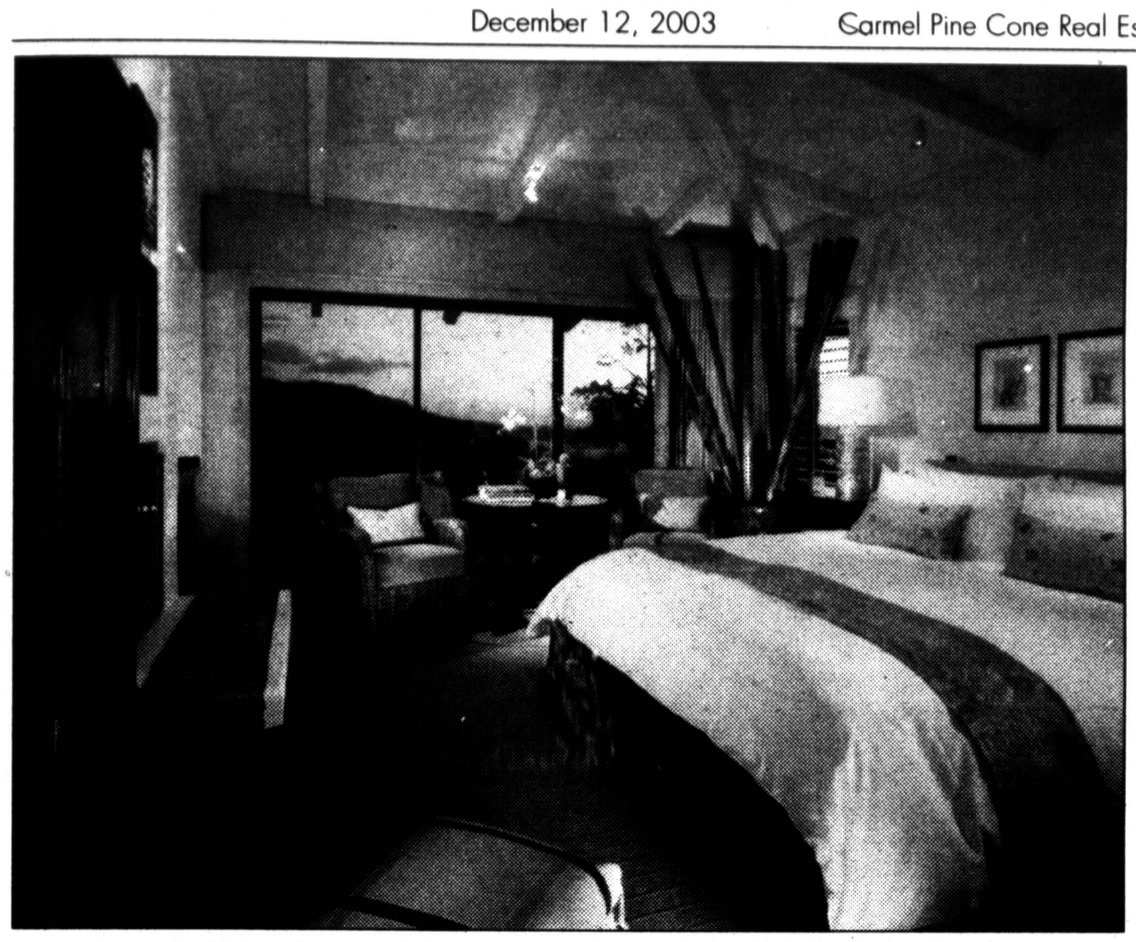

Egyptian cotton linens, four-inch feather beds and kimono-style robes and slippers are now featured in each of the Tradewinds' 28 rooms.

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— Susan Stilwell

Seasons and Mandalay Bay resorts in Las Vegas, the Sorrento Hotel in Seattle and a series of fashionable homes.

"My father had talked to Charles back in the '80s and admired his work," Stilwell said. "So when I decided to create an Asian-style boutique hotel, he was a natural choice because he had a passion for it."

The renovation ended up being much more than skin deep. The rooms were gutted; wiring, plumbing and heating were replaced, and soundproofing was added to ceilings and walls. And then the real work began.

"Charles was extremely interested in every minute detail of the project. His heart was in the undertaking," Stilwell said. Among his touches: Japanese tansu vanities in the bathrooms.

Four decades ago, a magazine called Game and Gossip reported on how Richard Catlin's 28-room inn departed from the norm: "Until a few years ago, the typical motel had to be located on the highway; it consisted of a number of spare, uniform units with the barest minimum of space and was totally devoid of any atmosphere," the magazine said. But the Tradewinds had "lavishly proportioned rooms that are furnished both tastefully and expensively. They do not resemble motel or hotel rooms; rather, they remind you of comfortable, lived-in studio apartments."

If that reporter could revisit the Tradewinds Inn, he'd surely be astonished at how Catlin's daughter has built upon — even surpassed — her father's ambition to create a new type of inn.

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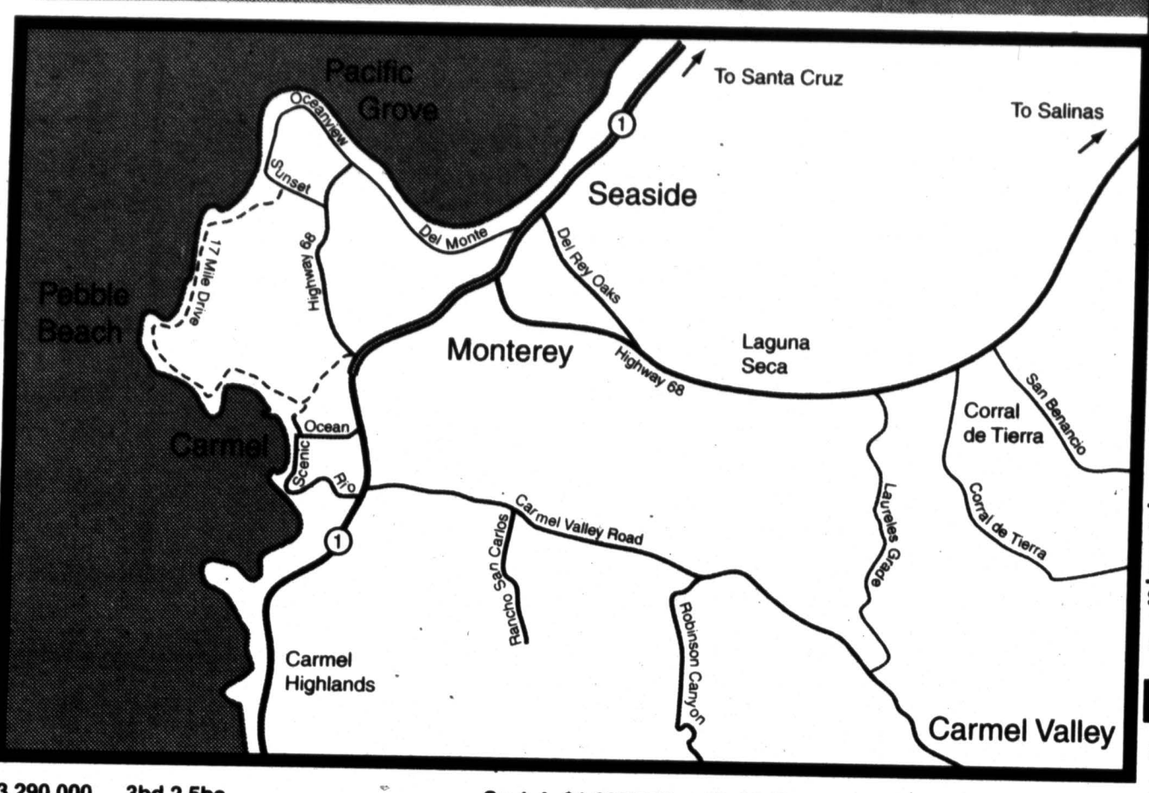

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$999,000 3bd 2ba — Sa Su 12-3
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3549 Lazarro — Carmel
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24920 Valley Way — Carmel
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9th 2SW of Torres — Carmel
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24584 Castro Lane — Carmel
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24712 Dolores — Carmel
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Casanova 2SE of Ocean — Carmel
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129 Carmel Riviera — Crml Highlands
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$1,495,000 3bd 2ba — Sa1-3 Su1-4
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$3,295,000 4bd 4.5ba — Su 1-3
105 Via Del Milagro — Mtry/Slns Hwy
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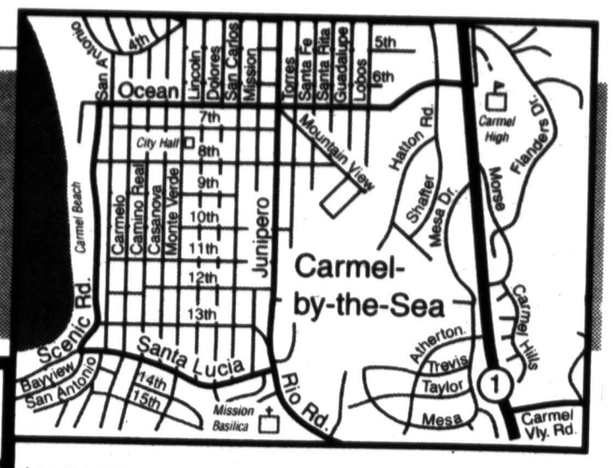

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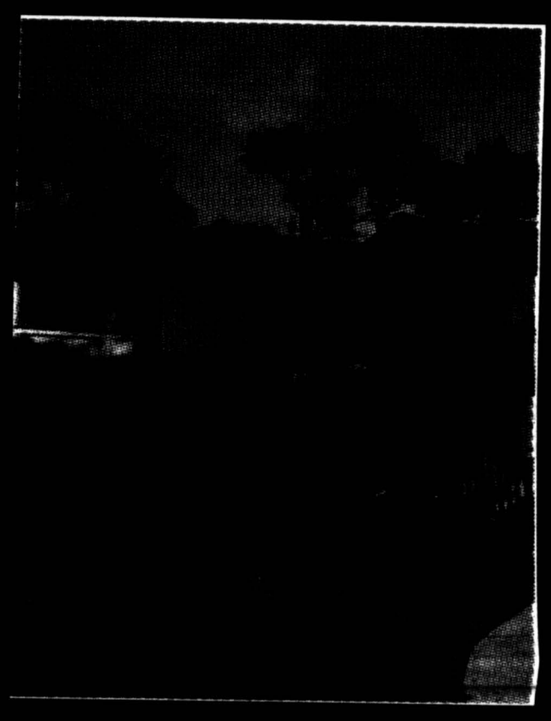

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Carmel Valley Ranch

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POLICE LOG

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Carmel area: Burglary of a vehicle parked at another Ribera Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Theft from a Viscaino Road residence occurred 15 minutes ago.

Carmel area: Burglary of a vehicle parked at a third Ribera Road residence.

Carmel area: Rape at a Paseo Venadis residence.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident called 911 to report a subject injured an arm after falling down inside the Monte Verde residence and was unable to get up off the floor. CFD, CRFA and CPD responded to the listed location. Subject transported to CHOMP for further medical treatment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver making a left turn onto Santa Fe and collided with a vehicle proceeding straight.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Casanova resident reported her peace being disturbed by the sounds of beating drums from the Golden Bough Playhouse while a play was in progress. Area check conducted for unreasonable noise during this time of day, with negative results. No other calls or complaints were received by any other residents in reference to the ongoing play at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported his wallet missing from somewhere between the Lone Cypress on 17 Mile Drive and Scenic and 10th. He believed he may have left the wallet on the front seat of the vehicle while he and friends were walking around at the two locations. Black leather billfold contained miscellaneous credit cards and $100 in currency. He was in the process of canceling the credit cards and wanted to document the loss in the event his wallet was found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported at 2020 hours her son heard two to three subjects laughing loudly in the area of Pacific Repertory Theatre. He did not verify where the actual laughter was coming from. Given the issue of the history of noise complaints, he assumed the subjects were either theater employees or patrons. At great length, spoke with the female about the issue of peace disturbance and what constitutes "reasonableness" or "unreasonableness" in hypothetical scenarios, along with the need to be fair and objective in analyzing such issues. She may be calling the code enforcement officer about some concerns in the neighborhood.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Casanova resident called the department indicating there was a disturbance involving various subjects talking loudly. They were on theater grounds closest to the rear stage door. Each of the individuals was speaking in a casual and normal tone of voice. Not one person was being unreasonable in demeanor. As a safeguard, asked one of the employees to advise various theater patrols to reduce the level of talking to avoid any problems. No further action needed. Decided to conduct further surveillance of the area in order to hamper any potential problems. No additional contact requested.

Carmel Valley: Grand theft of guns from a Tierra Grande Drive residence. Two pistols and a rifle reported missing from the resident's garage. Items may have been misplaced.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on Stevenson Drive.

Carmel area: Verbal peace disturbance at a Rio Road residence.

Carmel area: Traffic stop at Highway 1 and Spindrift Road.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel Valley: Dispatched to contact a victim at a Carmel Valley Village deli. He related ongoing problems with two roommates who were intoxicated last night and threatened to kill him as he was leaving. He elected to stay at a friend's house. While contacting the landlord and another uninvolved tenant, an anonymous caller reported two intoxicated males walking up Esquiline Road in the same general area. Contacted two males staggering in the roadway. They displayed many objective signs of intoxication and confirmed they had come from the area of the residence. After being taken into custody for being drunk in public, a search pursuant to the arrest found one subject in possession of a concealed stabbing instrument, a fixed-blade knife in the inside pocket of his jacket. Other subject admitted after receiving a Miranda warning that the INS I.D. card he carried was fake. He purchased it in St. Helena, Wash., for $60. Subjects charged for public intoxication, possession of a deadly/prohibited weapon and possession of a fake government I.D. and booked into Monterey County Jail. Terrorist threats investigation continues.

Carmel area: Lost/found/missing property at Carmel Center Place.

Carmel area: Information taken at a Carmel Knolls Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Domestic dispute at a Carmel Valley Village residence.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers responded to San Antonio and 13th on a report of a missing stop sign. The sign was located on the ground next to the erected post. It appeared the sign had fallen off the post due to the bolts being eroded. A temporary sign was posted until public works can fix it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: General burglary alarm at Harrison Memorial Library at 0620 hours. Upon arrival the library was found secure.

Carmel-by-the-Sea:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032436. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PATHWAYS COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICE,** 3855 Via Nona Marie #206, Carmel, CA 93923. DELUNAS AND ASSOCIATES, INC., 37771 Palo Colorado Canyon, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1998. (s) Eve Delunas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2003. (PC 1118)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M67703.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. *Present name:*
EVE NILSON
Proposed name:
EVE DESIREE D'VINCENT

NOTICE OF HEARING: Dec. 19, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 13, 2003.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2003. (PC1120)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032492. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL RIVER INN,** U.S. Highway 1 at Carmel River Bridge, Carmel, Ca 93922. INVEST WEST FINANCIAL CORP., 1933 Cliff Dr., Suite 1, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. WINTER CONSTRUCTION, 2905 Burton Dr., Cambria, CA 93428. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Sept. 26, 2003. (s) Dirk Winter, owner, Winter Construction. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 12, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2003. (PC 1124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032508. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LIVING BY DESIGN,** Carmelo St. 2nd SW 12th, Carmel, CA 93923. JEREMY ANN ANDERSON, Carmelo St. 2nd SW 12th, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 15, 2003. (s) Jeremy Anderson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC 1125)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20032201. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **ARBOR OF IMPERIAL COUNTY**, 344 Salinas Street, Suite 202, Salinas, CA. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on October 2, 2003. ARBOR E&T, LLC, 10140 Linn Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. (s) Mary D. Peters, Assistant Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC1126)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032529. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LEGACY HOME LOANS,** 24571 Silver Cloud Ct., Ste. 101, Monterey, CA 93940. LEGACY REAL ESTATE GROUP, INC., Calif. Corporation, 24571 Silver Cloud Ct., Ste. 101, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Michael D. Millett, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC 1128)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032424. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MICHAEL E. CHANDLER & ASSOCIATES,** 218 Reindollar Ave., Ste. 7A, Marina, CA 93933. MICHAEL CHANDLER, 25450 Tierra Grande, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Oct. 1, 2003. (s) Michael Chandler. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 31, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2003. (PC 1201)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
NILES PRESLEY CHRISTENSEN,
Deceased.
Case No. MP16833

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF NILES PRESLEY CHRISTENSEN

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Trustee of the Niles P. Christensen Revocable Trust Dated September 4, 2002, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Kathleen Llewellyn
Attorney for Trustee
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC1202)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name as the Applicant is:
BUON GIORNO INC
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
Junipero W/S btw 5th & 6th
Carmel, Ca 93921
Type of license:
41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine - Eating Place
Date of Filing Application: Nov. 19, 2003.
Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC1203).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032453. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **STONE RESTORATIONS,** 243 17 Mile Dr., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. PETER IGNACIO TURTURICI, 243 17 Mile Dr., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Oct. 20, 2003. (s) Peter Turturici. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2003. (PC 1205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032460. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. FLOORING CITY
2. RUG CITY
52 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. FLOORING FASHION CORPORATION, CALIFORNIA, 52 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 23, 2001. (s) X Exec. Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2003. (PC 1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032428. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CAFE SERENDIPITY,** 470 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER CASTRO, 749 Parkston Ct., Modesto, CA 95357. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Robert C. Castro. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2003. (PC 1207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032532. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BRADLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC,** 118B Caledonia, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. JASON BRADLEY, 118B Caledonia, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 17, 2003. (s) Jason Bradley. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2003 and Jan. 2, 2004. (PC 1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032633. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **TISKET A TASKET,** 32 La Rancheria, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. LINDA ANN OLIVIER, 49 Village Drive, Carmel Valley, Ca 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 1, 2003. (s) Linda Ann Olivier. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 2004. (PC 1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032631. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **WHITE BARN VINEYARDS,** 31 Wawona, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. DAVID ASKEW, 31 Wawona, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. MICHAEL BURKE, 25050 Baronet Rd., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 1, 2003. (s) David Askew, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 2004. (PC 1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032441. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. RANCHO SIN FRENOS
2. RANCHO SIN FRENOS VINEYARDS
3. SILVESTRI VINEYARDS
72 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel Highlands, CA 93923. RANCHO SIN FRENOS, LLC, 72 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel Highlands, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Alan A. Silvestri, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2003, and Jan 2, 2004.. (PC 1211)

EARLY DEADLINES

The Pine Cone office will be CLOSED Thursday & Friday, December 25 & 26 and Thursday, Jan.1, 2004

All Display Ads, Classified, Legal & Calendar items should be turned in by:

Thursday, Dec. 18, 5:00PM *(for 12/26/03 issue)*
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5:00PM *(for 1/2/04 issue)*

Real Estate Open Houses:
Mondays, Dec. 22 & 29

POLICE LOG

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Subjects were in a vehicle parked in one of the turnouts on the coast in Pacific Grove when another vehicle drove up to them at 2247 hours. They decided to leave the area and were followed by the vehicle all the way into Carmel, where officers stopped them. Driver and passenger of the second vehicle were contacted and stated they were just messing around with the others and thought it would be fun to follow them. No threats made and the groups did not know each other. They were admonished.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female came to the department to inquire about picketing a business. She advised she is having a civil problem and wanted to protest at Mission and Ocean. Advised her of her rights regarding what she could do.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Petty theft from an unlocked vehicle parked at Torres and First sometime between 2330 hours 11/30/03 and 0730 hours 12/01/03. Taken was $300 worth of stereo equipment.

Carmel area: Past-tense burglary of a vehicle parked at a San Juan Road residence.

Carmel area: Past-tense burglary of a vehicle parked at a Pescadero Road residence.

Carmel area: Theft from a Torres Street residence.

Big Sur: Past-tense theft of a guitar from a building on Highway 1 48 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense fraud at an El Bosque Drive residence.

Carmel area: Past-tense theft from a vehicle parked at another San Juan Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Harassing phone calls received at a Cypress Drive address. Suspect

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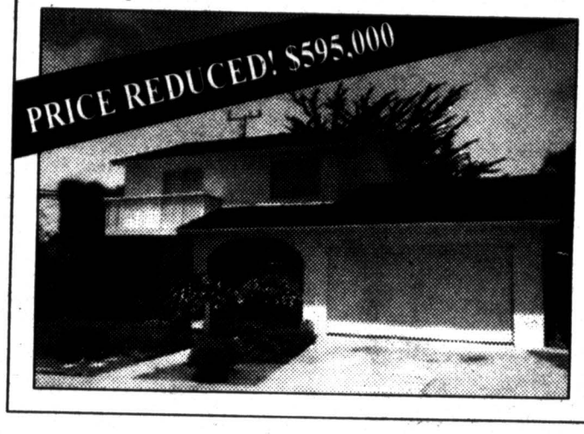

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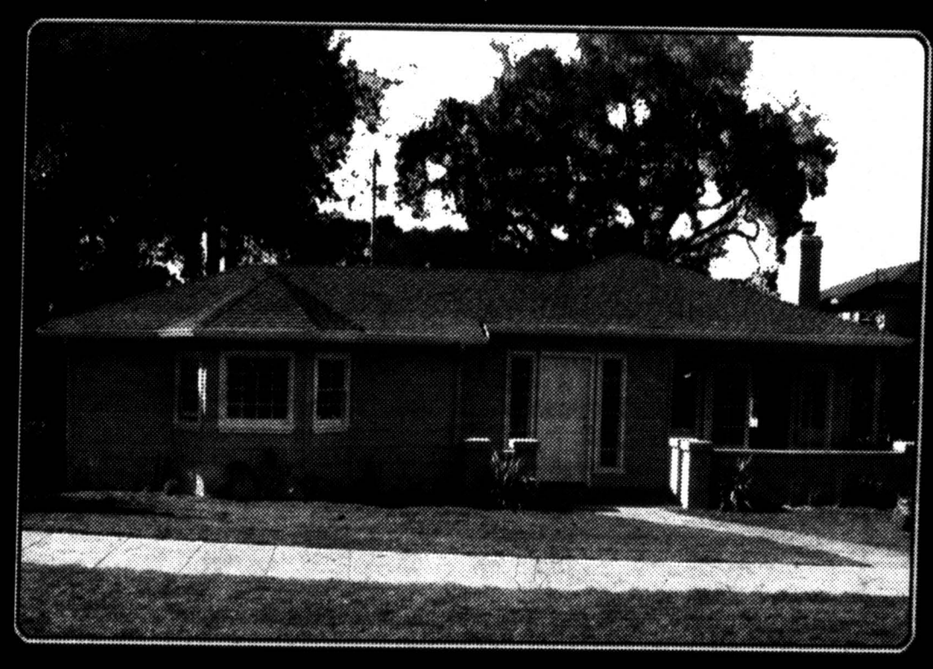

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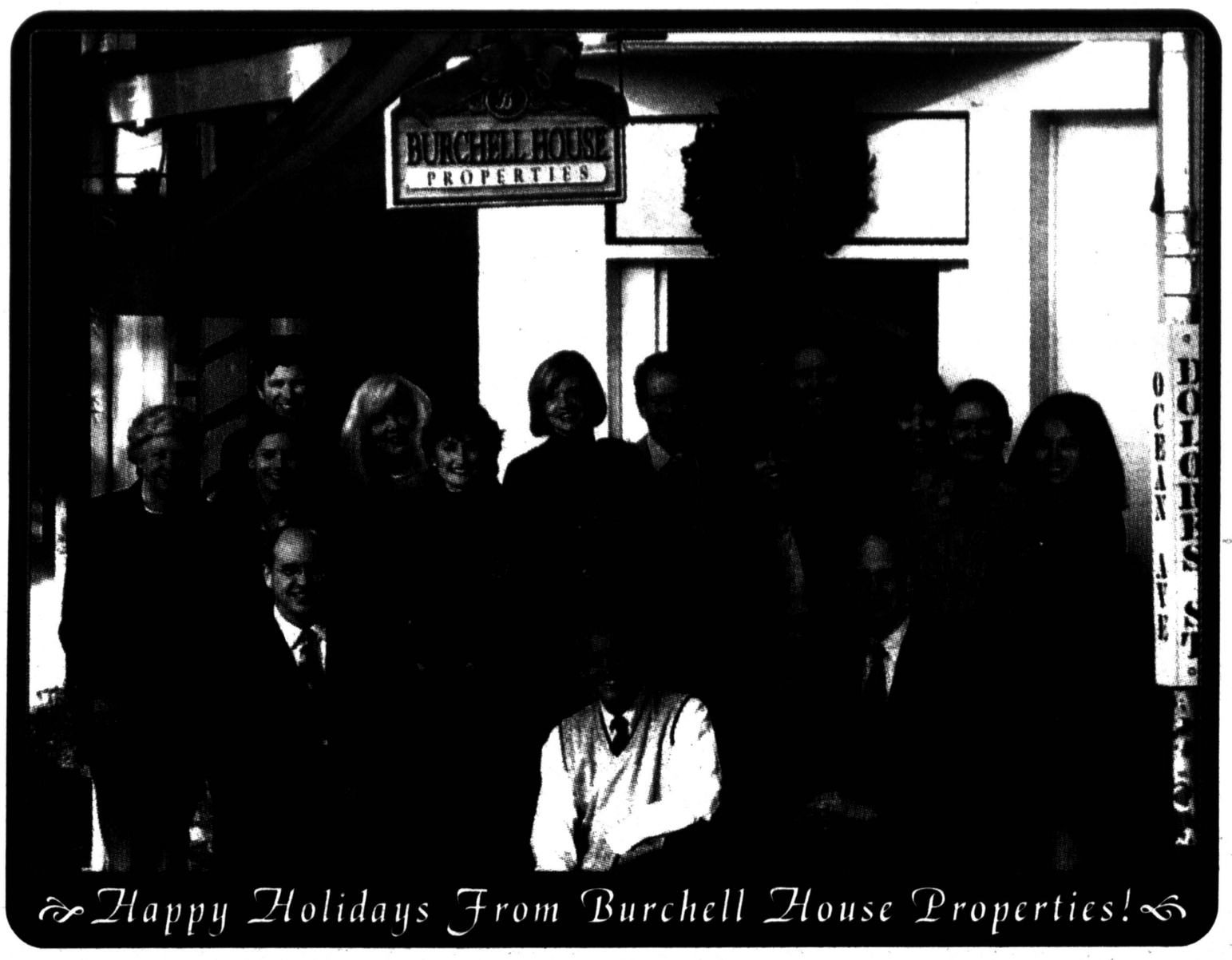

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POLICE LOG

From page 9B

information provided by victim.

Big Sur: Death report taken at a Highway 1 location 18 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Information taken at a South Carmel Hills Drive residence.

Carmel area: Information taken at the Crossroads Shopping Center.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Byzantine cross with five diamonds possibly lost on Carmel Beach or in the area of San Carlos and Seventh. Female later found the item hanging on her door knob. She did not know how it came to be there.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Parking problem at the inn at Monte Verde and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a 911 hangup call from Dolores and Fifth.

HOME SALES

From page 2B

26090 Rio Vista Dr $775,000
Robert Brian & Linda Joyce Lyke to Klaus J & Dana H Aber
7 El Caminito Rd $710,000
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PEBBLE BEACH

2984 Colton Rd $1,050,000
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fifth Avenue restaurant advised its kitchen ducts would be cleaned from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Fire department has been notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found at Monte Verde and Ocean. Rottweiler was running loose in the area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: 1991 Geo parked at Mission and Eighth rolled away from its parking spot, colliding with a 1990 Ford van parked on the other side of the street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Petty theft of city property at the corner of San Antonio and 13th. Loss valued at $60.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver of a white truck clipped the front of a parked Ford while turning right onto San Carlos Street from Seventh.

Carmel area: Information taken at an Oliver Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Grand theft from a Lopez Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense fraud at a River Meadow Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Check/credit card fraud at an Upper Circle residence.

Carmel area: Stolen vehicle at Scenic Road and Stewart Way.

Carmel area: Battery at a Via Nona Marie address.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a call of suspicious circumstances at Monte Verde and Ninth. Neighbor reported that the owner, who lives in Los Vegas, always leaves the lights on, but tonight they were off. An open door on the west side of the residence was found, but after a brief search, everything seemed to be fine. She stated she did not know the owner's name or when he would return. Advised day watch to stop by when the gardeners are at the home to find out how the homeowner can be contacted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD responded to Mission and Ocean on report of a peace disturbance. Female was picketing against a construction company over a dispute involving a contract for a remodel of a kitchen and an appliance that was promised and allegedly not delivered. He was upset she was walking up and down the sidewalk holding a sign he believed was slanderous. He contacted her and a heated discussion escalated to the point where police intervention was sought by concerned citizens. He asked her to leave but she said she believed she was legal in expressing her right to free speech. She said she has obtained an attorney and the services of the licensing board. He was advised she was not violating any laws and he could obtain the services of an attorney if he believed she was slandering his name and business.

Pebble Beach: Death report taken at a Sloat Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Possible scam at a Schulte Road location.

Carmel area: Past-tense theft of a mailbox at a Loma Alta Road residence.

Big Sur: Lost/found/missing property on Highway 1 10 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Disabled vehicle at a Rio Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Audible alarm outside a 17 Mile Drive residence.

Carmel area: Harassing phone calls and threats made against a Mentone Road residence.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an overdue person from a hotel at Ocean and Junipero. Traveling companion never returned from a dinner date with a subject they had both met at Carmel Beach earlier that day. At 0317 hours, she became concerned and contacted police. She passed on a cell phone number, which the officer called and left a message. At approximately 0630 hours, a male called police to say she was with him and was OK. She called her traveling companion and said she would be returning to the motel shortly, which she did.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male Carmel Valley resident, age 52, contacted at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road for showing an improper month tab and an obstructed license plate. Records check showed an outstanding warrant for a Health & Safety Code violation. He was taken into custody without incident, booked at CPD, posted bail and was released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Peace disturbance at Carmel Beach. Male and a companion were walking their dog when a subject who appeared to have just awakened began to swear at them for no apparent reason. He said she had no right to call anyone names. She spat on their dog and then spat toward him, but missed. Although he did not want to pursue the matter, he wanted her contacted. She was found in the sand dune area near the volleyball courts and denied swearing or spitting at the people and their dog.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female transient arrested at San Carlos and Ninth for trespassing and violation of probation. Female gained entry to the home without force while the owner was away.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous report of a gas leaf blower in use at Camino Real and Ocean. Subject contacted and he stated he was unaware of the CMC code. CPD check showed no prior contacts. He was issued a warning.

Carmel Valley: Malicious mischief to a mailbox at a Middle Canyon Road residence.

Carmel area: Information taken at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Civil problem at a Paso del Rio residence.

Carmel area: Lost/found/missing person report taken at an Upper Trail residence.

Carmel area: Assisted another agency at a Rio Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense malicious mischief to a mailbox at a Valley Vista residence.

Big Sur: Past-tense theft of a purse at a Highway 1 address 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Cachagua Road residence.

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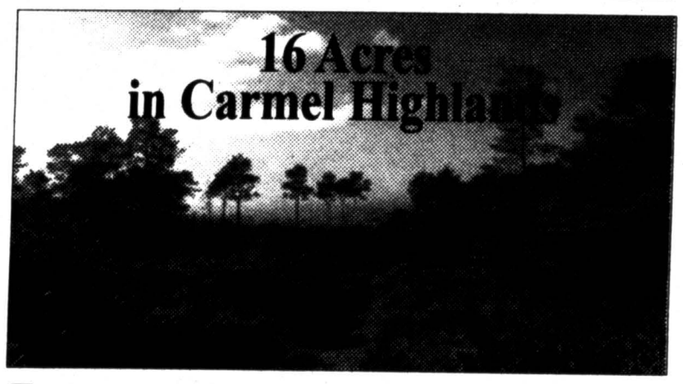

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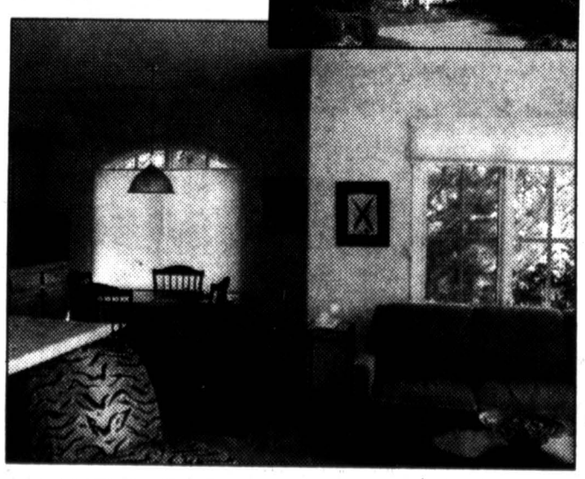

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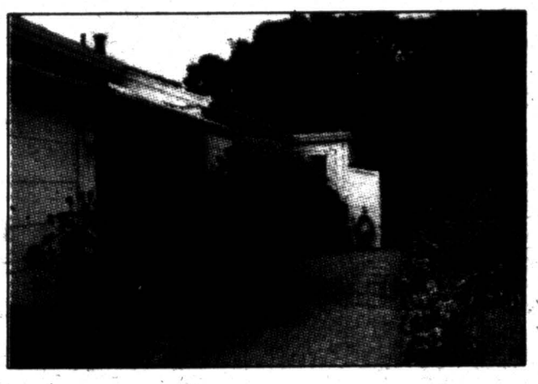

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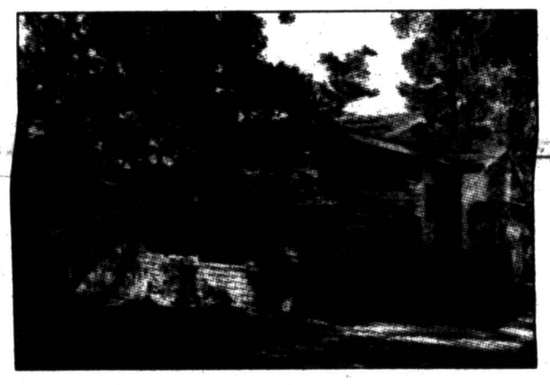

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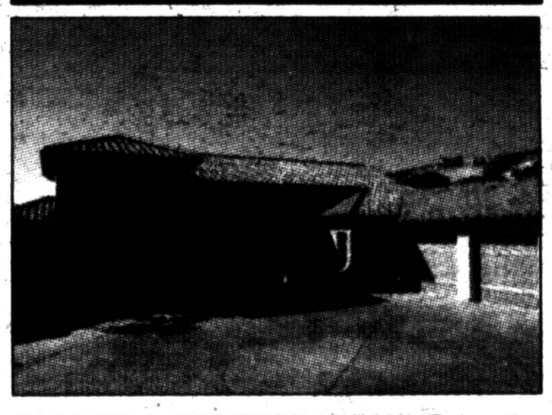

PASADERA MEDITERRANEAN! Enjoy the good life in this 3600+ sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths and a 600 sq. ft. guesthouse. On a corner lot, next to the 16th tee of the Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. The amenities are luxurious and numerous. $2,750,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

FOREVER VIEWS! Experience breathtaking views of Spindrift Cove and the Pacific from this artistically designed and recently completed 7000 sq. ft. masterpiece. With floor to ceiling windows, high vaulted ceilings, & slate floors. Four bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths. $9,500,000.

Pebble Beach ...

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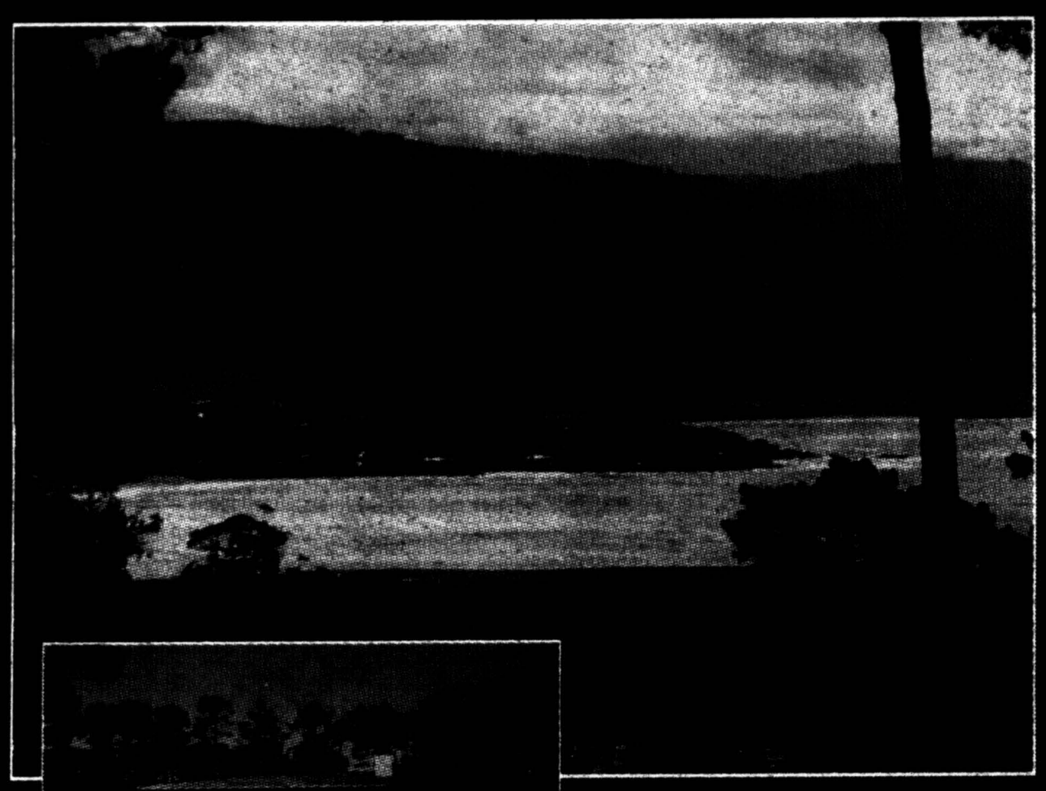

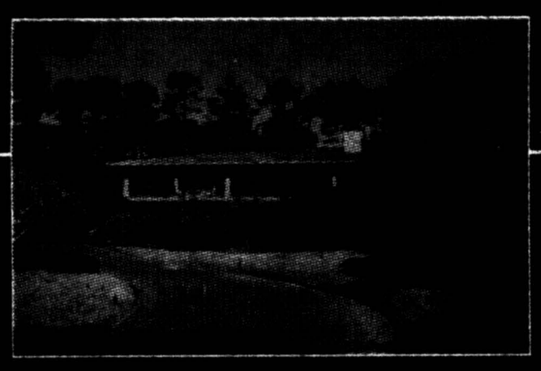

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Here, on an ocean-view acre behind gates, is a fine residence designed by architect Frances Palms. The home offers 4,500 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths, formal dining room, study, and one of the most spectacular ocean-view living rooms in all Pebble Beach. Add to this a spacious, ocean-view master suite, sea-view terrace, and a swimming pool. $4,395,000.

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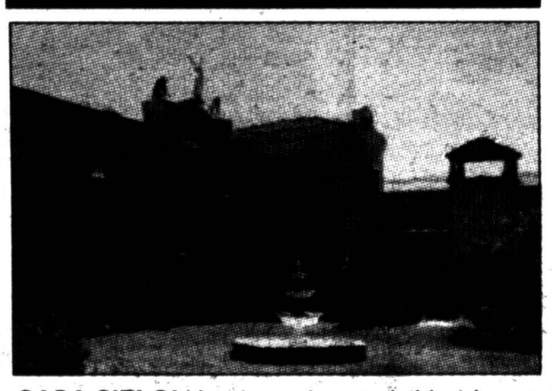

CASA CIELO! Handsomely gated, this 14-acre estate has unsurpassed ocean, mountain and valley views — coveted privacy, set in a world all its own. Master suite, solarium with swim-spa and sauna, 3 bedrooms, guest suite, and an atrium with 18-foot ceilings. $2,750,000.

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Carmel's shops often tucked away but worth the search

Finding treasures in town

By HILARY HANLON

PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER

Boxed fruitcakes made by monks in Big Sur share space with gift baskets ripe with seasonal produce, luscious delicacies and store label wines. The source: Carmel's Nielsen Bros. Market, the store with the longest family association of any in town.

WITH CROWDS flocking to malls, big-box stores and national chains, and with the Internet taking an ever-bigger share of holiday shopping dollars, do the businesses of downtown Carmel stand a chance? Even a brief tour of small shops shows the answer is, "Absolutely!"

In fact, for those searching for something unusual or one-of-a-kind to give at Christmas, Carmel-by-the-Sea is a discriminating shopper's haven.

An anomaly among downtown businesses is Nielsen Bros. Market, at the corner of San Carlos Street and Seventh Avenue. Opened in 1930, it is the oldest same-family-run business in the city, with an extensive line of specialty foods and an impressive wine selection savored by patrons year round. During the holidays, Nielsen's singularity among markets becomes even more impressive because of its rare and authentic Christmas fare.

"We are the only place in town where people can get uncommon holiday birds like quail, goose, pheasant and squabs to serve in addition to the traditional hams and turkeys," says Merv Sutton, owner of Nielsen's.

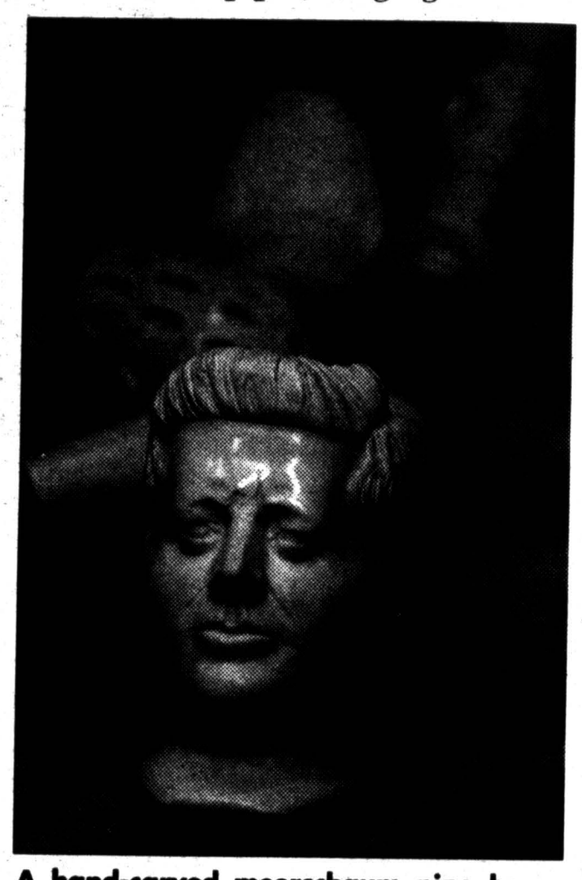
Other Christmas treats include the heavily brandied, three-pound fruit and date nut cakes made by the Immaculate Heart Hermitage monks in Big Sur, Christmas apples, delectable Gizdich Ranch pies and poinsettias in all colors and sizes.

And the store specializes in filling attractive wicker baskets with delicacies to make a special gift.

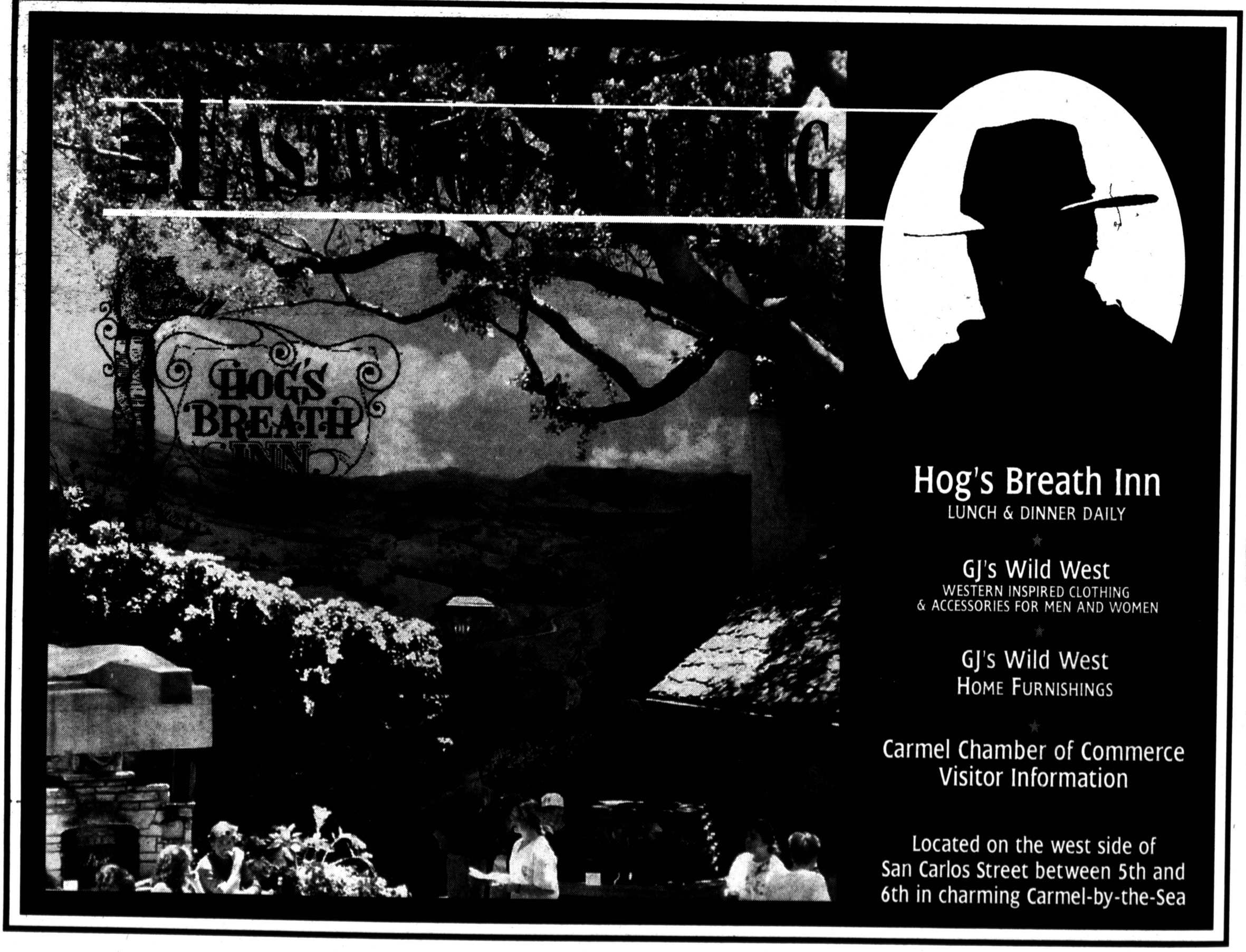
"When you don't know what to get someone, loading a basket with all the person's favorite goodies is assured to please them," says Sutton.

Pipe shop

Scott Pierce of the Carmel Pipe Shop, since 1955, likes to think of himself as a "purveyor of the smoker's requisites" and is proud to be the only authorized Dunhill dealer in the Central Coast. The homey ambiance of the tiny shop exudes the rich aromas of imported cigar and pipe leaf, commingling in the store's 65 square feet. Rows of handcrafted pipes, ranging from



A hand-carved meerschaum pipe bears the likeness of President John F. Kennedy at the Carmel Pipe Shop.



Redolent with the rich aroma of pipe tobacco, the Carmel Pipe Shop is also home to beautifully crafted humidors, hip flasks, razors and cigars.

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$30-$1,200; line the walls and fill the glass cases, alongside every manner of pipe and tool accessory. Unique to the Carmel Pipe Shop is the Briar limited edition Christmas Pipe, with its beautiful wood finish and sterling silver band.

"Only 500 of them were made," says Pierce. Other gentlemen's accessories include fine crafted razors, walking sticks, humidors and a large collection of pewter hip flasks. An aged photo of Robinson Jeffers smoking a pipe is framed above the cash register.

"We are small but still here after all of these years because we're a curiosity as much as we are a Carmel institution," says co-owner Dick Hardin.

Engraver extraordinaire

The value of any gift increases when it is personalized and that's one of the reasons Carmel Engraver, since 1983, continues to prosper as a downtown business.

"I'm the only one in the area who engraves. Often, Del Monte Center refers customers to me," says Richard Peterson, storeowner. Any day, Peterson can be found with engraver tool in hand, hovering over any number of albums, frames, plaques, jewelry, key chains and books-inscribing names, phrases, dates and anything else requested by his steady flow of customers.

"By far the biggest seller is the brass license plate frame," says Peterson.

While most often patrons bring in their own merchandise to be engraved, the small shop contains some cast bronze plates, cups, money clips and other items suitable for engraving. Nameplates, signs and company plaques are other popular engraving items.

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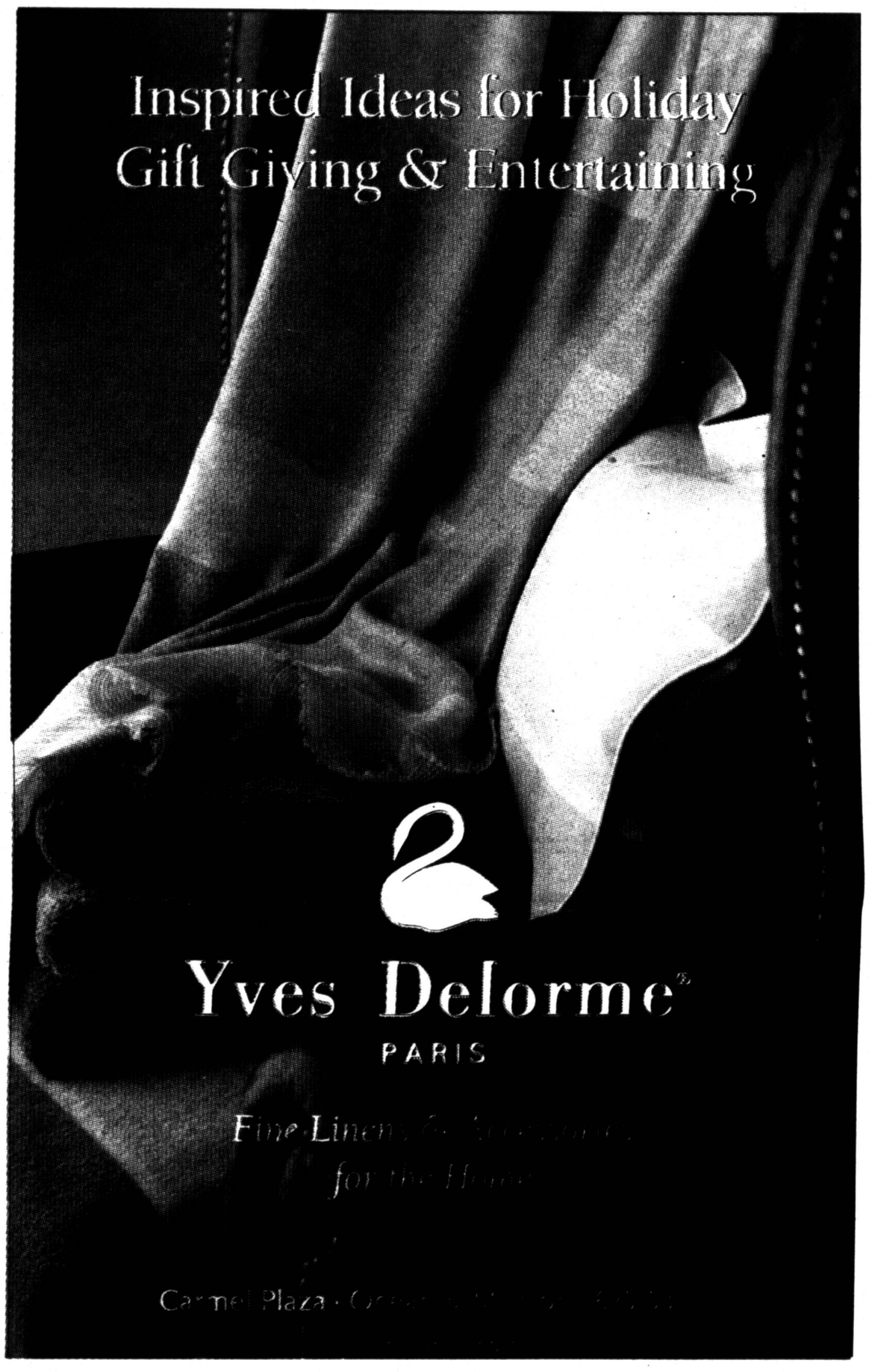

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SHOPS

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"During the holidays a lot of people bring me tree ornaments to engrave," says Peterson.

Knick-knacks galore

Referred to by one local as the "best place to find modern and traditional knick-knacks," Adam Fox is another of Carmel's family-run, small businesses that continues to thrive.

"We have always sought to keep our prices reasonable," says owner Carroll Fergusson, whose shop is continually buzzing with buyers.

The store began selling fine cutlery and grew to include a vast array of gadgets. Choices abound for the shopper looking for an original gift or to fill a stocking with the unexpected: A digital distance finder that "instantly calculates miles and travel time to any destination on any road map," fuzzy computer screen cleaners that resemble Beanie Babies, hat lamps for fishermen, and stainless steel, precision tweezers are among the uncommon items for sale. Though packed to the gills with diverse merchandise, Adam Fox also emphasizes quality with its impressive antique chronometers; brass doorknobs and knockers; genuine leather briefcases, wallets and passport cases, and fine crafted cribbage, backgammon and checker boards.

Many of the store's customers return year after year.

"Three women came in the store together yesterday, representing three generations — it's wonderful

Adam Fox owner Carroll Fergusson presides over a fun collection of the uncommon but also useful gift-worthy gadgets. Need a hat lamp for a fisherman? Adam Fox has it. And what about a computer screen cleaner that resembles a fuzzy Beanie Baby? It's in stock right now.

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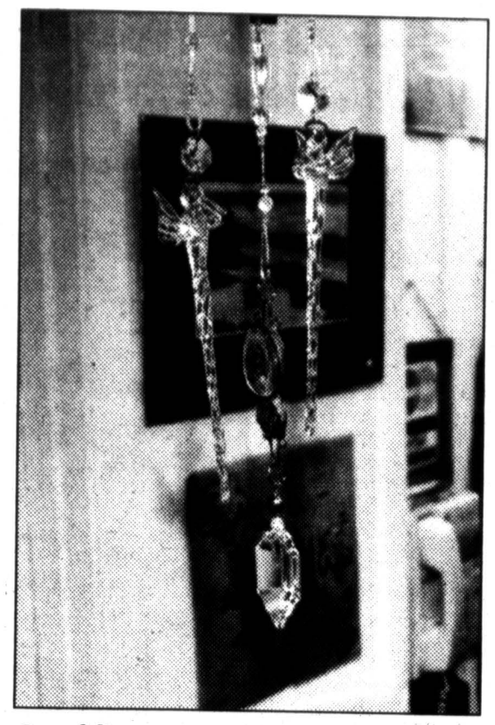
to see the same customers over the years," says Fergusson.

Two Hazdovacs

Artists Pat and Paula Hazdovac opened Two Sisters Design almost 10 years ago and are enjoying a lively business selling their arts and crafts side by side.

"We have always created things," says Paula, who is also a Carmel city councilmember.



Sparkling sun catchers and jewelry are displayed in abundance at Two Sisters Designs.

The two sisters each have a studio at home where they create their unique collection of artwork — earrings, necklaces, bracelets, hand-dyed silk scarves, hand-dyed and painted T-shirts, copper wind chimes, ceramics, handmade glass beads, tiles, note cards and baskets.

The sisters are grateful to be in their hometown and realize the value of keeping their artwork affordable.

"While it is hard work that got us here and keeps us here, we refuse to raise our prices. We want our store's goods to be attainable for our customers," says Paula.

The one-of-a-kind store has drawn collectors who come in especially for the sisters' unusual "sun catchers," glittering strands of ornate beads for hanging in windows. "They are the perfect gift for someone when you don't know what to buy," says Pat.

With so much gift shopping to do at this time of year, the simplicity and convenience of the mall beckons even the hardiest shopper. But the most appreciated gifts can often be found down the hidden alleys and capricious courtyards in downtown Carmel.

To find singular gifts this Christmas, visit these and other Carmel stores:

*Nielsen Bros. Grocery — San Carlos and Seventh. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily.

*The Carmel Pipe Shop — west side of Lincoln just off Ocean Avenue. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily

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*Adam Fox — Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Mission. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

*Two Sisters Designs — Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. ❐

Paula Hazdovac, a member of the Carmel City Council, co-owns Two Sisters Designs with her sister, Pat.

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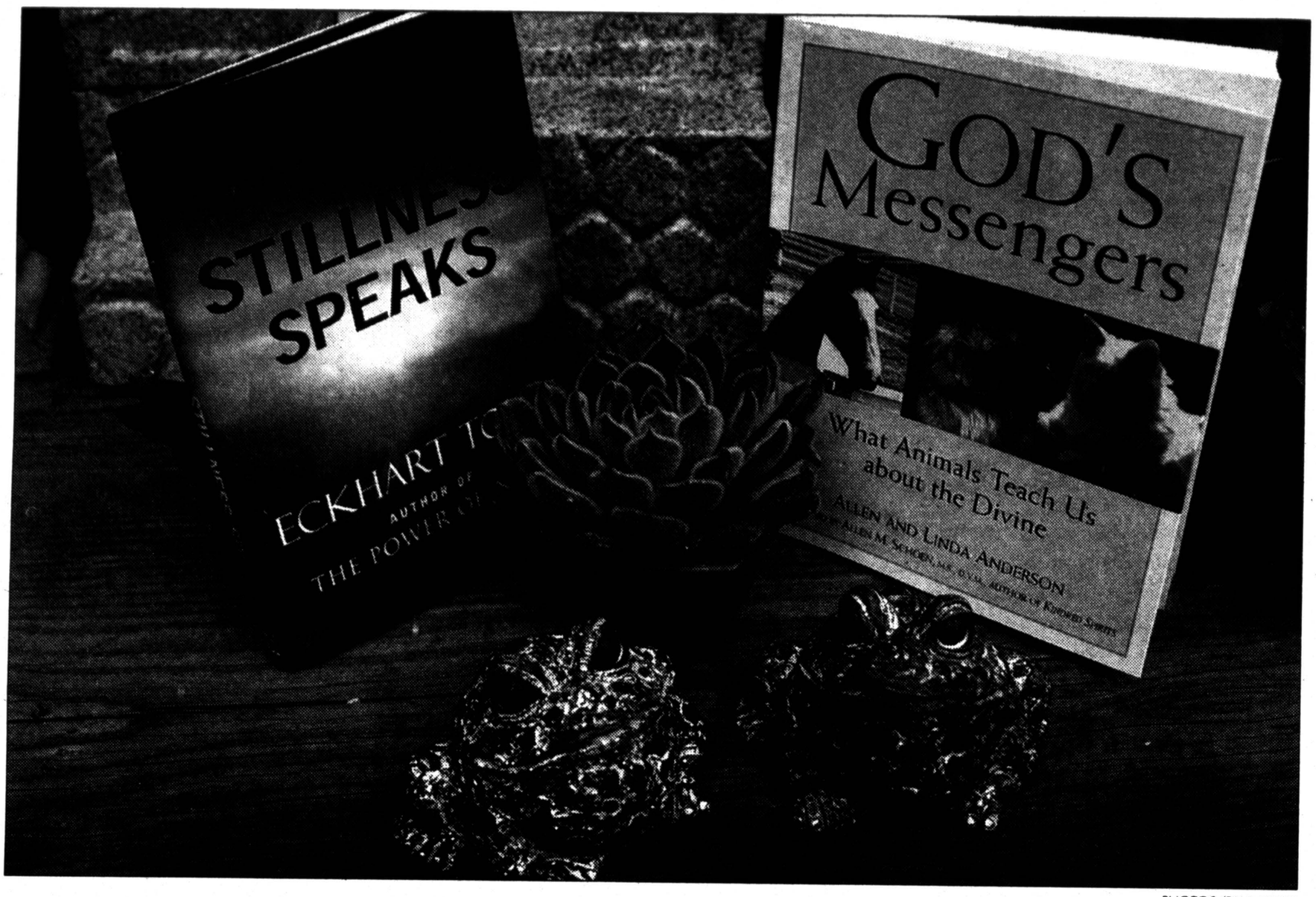
By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS



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Two green garden frogs pose with two popular selections at The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore. "Stillness Speaks" by Eckhart Tolle, author of "The Power of Now," is shown beside "God's Messengers — What Animals Teach Us About the Divine."

IS ANY Christmas tree's stash of presents complete without at least one book? Festive wrapping cannot conceal a book is within: The weight, the dead give-away of hard covers with a slight indentation for pages sought out by curious fingers stealthily probing to reveal the secret within: a thrilling discovery for any book lover.

In Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey we are blessed with independent bookstores owned by people who love books — The Pilgrim's Way, last of the bookshops in the one square mile known as Carmel-by-the-Sea; The Thunderbird Bookshop in The Barnyard, Carmel; Bookworks in Pacific Grove; Bay Books and Old Monterey Book Company in Monterey — and ever so many enticing establishments offering used book at reasonable prices. Each shop has its unique atmosphere and sense of place.

PAUL FRIDLUND's The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore, Dolores between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, formerly devoted to spiritual, New Age and self-improvement books, expanded its inventory in recent years to fill a need when Books, Inc. closed its doors forever in the village. Now best sellers are displayed in the front window framed with the purple of flowering hardenbergia, side by side with books on feng shui, the poetry of Rumi, books on meditation.

Christian literature and statuary are prevalent, but the store still exudes a definite Eastern feeling with statuary of Buddha and books on Buddhism, Taoism, Sufi books, books on Hinduism, Indian mystics and saints, Sikhism, Islam, Tibetan lamaseries, Native American worship, books on mysticism and arcane practices and New Age literature are all in abundance.

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Among the esoteric books to be found at The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore are best sellers, too, including offerings from Stephen King and Michael Moore.

atmospheric shop that also features jewelry, cards, journals and calendars, used books and video rentals.

The Pilgrim's Way now incorporates The Secret Garden, directly behind the bookstore accessed by the enticing side pathway lined with tall bamboo and taped birdsong, garden statuary and plants, and from a side door in the bookshop. All manner of houseplants and candles, vases and decorative accessories abound in a geodesic dome, while surrounding the structure are more plants, garden benches and fountains.

Weather-proof electrified luminarias light the pathways around the dome, which is made magical inside by more miniature lights.

It is a unique and pleasing experience to browse in the bookshop or garden, and while it seems strange to longtime patrons to find the latest Tom Clancy, Stephen King, Michael Moore and Dan Brown ("The Da Vinci Code") among the more esoteric books, owner Paul Fridlund says he can order any novel or book on any subject that is requested by a customer. "They just have to come in the front door, and ask for any book they don't see here," he said.

A new reading group is starting soon to discuss "Journey of the Heart — The Path of Conscious Love" by Jack Welwood. The group, now forming, will meet six times. The fee is $10 per session. The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore telephone number is 624-4955.

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LONG A refuge for book lovers, May Waldroup's **The Thunderbird Bookshop**; across Highway 1 at the mouth of the valley in Carmel makes customers feel at home as soon as they enter the shop.

May is the wonder woman owner behind this highly successful shop in the middle of the beautifully landscaped and architecturally pleasing Barnyard Shopping Village off Carmel Valley Road at Carmel Rancho Boulevard. No one we know of has the complete know-how of running a successful bookstore by keeping customers so happy they return year after year, leaving the store with a bagful of books.

May's reading group that meets regularly; her "Pebbles" writing group of locals who have published two books of their combined writings; the "Books and Dinner" meetings that features an author as guest speaker while book devotees eat dinner served on the "patio" solarium and after listen to three or four book reviews by others; the Thunderbird Café, where every-changing art exhibits enhance the walls, and patrons lunch or snack around a central fireplace, and are allowed to browse selected books while eating.

May puts out a monthly newsletter listing the many booksignings and book readings by authors and poets at her shop.

Are you beginning to get the idea that The Thunderbird Bookshop is a busy and dynamic place for bibliophiles?

Of great interest, and most helpful when trying to select a book, is May's table of personal book selections, and employees have a table of books they like and recommend. It's a good idea to peruse these two tables, as well as the "New Arrivals" table, for suggestions.

All the current bestsellers are here, as well as the classics, and books by the many authors and poets who live on the Peninsula are always in evidence. Books are displayed by subject, clearly marked with overhead signs. Children's books and mysteries are in an adjoining room in back of the sales counter. Magazines, newspapers, cards, journals, and other book lovers' accessories are for sale, too.

The address is 3600 The Barnyard, Carmel, and the phone number is 624-1803.

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BAY BOOKS is a hang-out for CSUMB and MPC students doing their homework in the coffee and dessert bar and terrace at 316 Alvarado in Monterey, near the DoubleTree Hotel and Portola Plaza. It's in the heart of Monterey, and very happening.

But serious book lovers and poets browse through the bookstore, and are happy for that comfy leather couch in the middle of the store where they can read books before buying.

Diane Minorini is the manager, and Peter Eberhart, an actor who is seen in many dramas and comedies in local theaters, is the senior bookseller

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and handles all the displays. He was busy arranging and rearranging these when we dropped by last week. Recently, the bookstore has changed ownership: The new owners are Joti Sidhu and Haumajeet Singh.

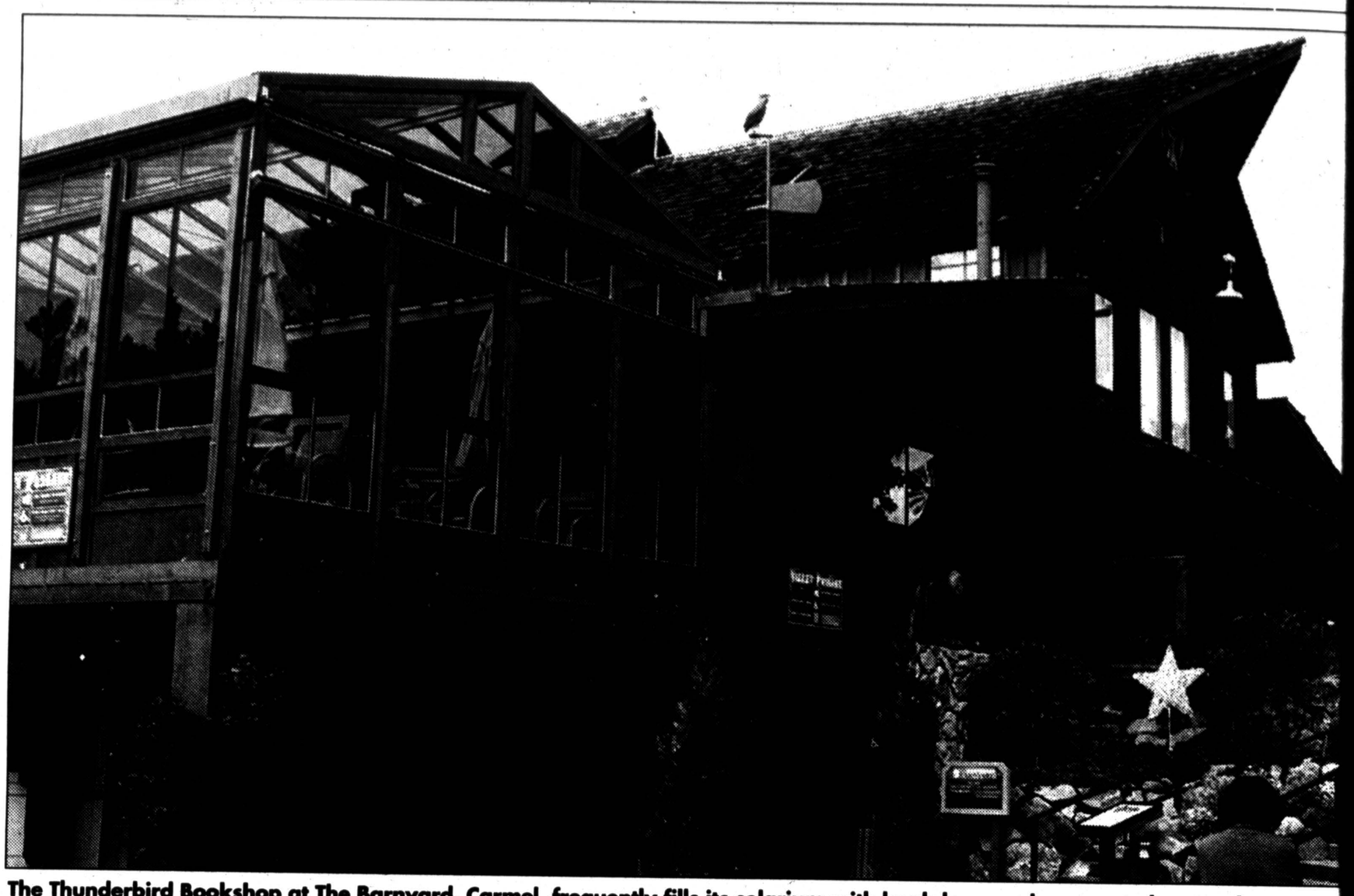
A whole table of diverse books about Christmas place disparate books side by side, such as the Williams Sonoma "Christmas" cookbook; a children's book entitled "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci; a really wonderful "Annotated Christmas Carol" by C. Dickens, and illustrated by John Leech. There is the charming "The Autobiography of Santa Claus as told to Jeff Guinn;" "The Snow Ghosts" written and illustrated by Leo Landry for little ones. John Grisham's "Skipping Christmas," a novel, alongside of which is "Follow the Star, Christmas Stories that Changed by Life" by T. D. Jakes.

No Christmas would be complete without Truman Capote's "A Christmas Morning," "One Christmas," and "The Thanksgiving Visitor" in one volume; New York Times bestseller gift set, "Esther's Snowman," and"The Mitford Snowmen," by Jan Karom, and a Sherlock Holmes book, "More Holmes for the Holidays" — stories by Anne Perry true to the spirit of Conan Doyle's original creations."

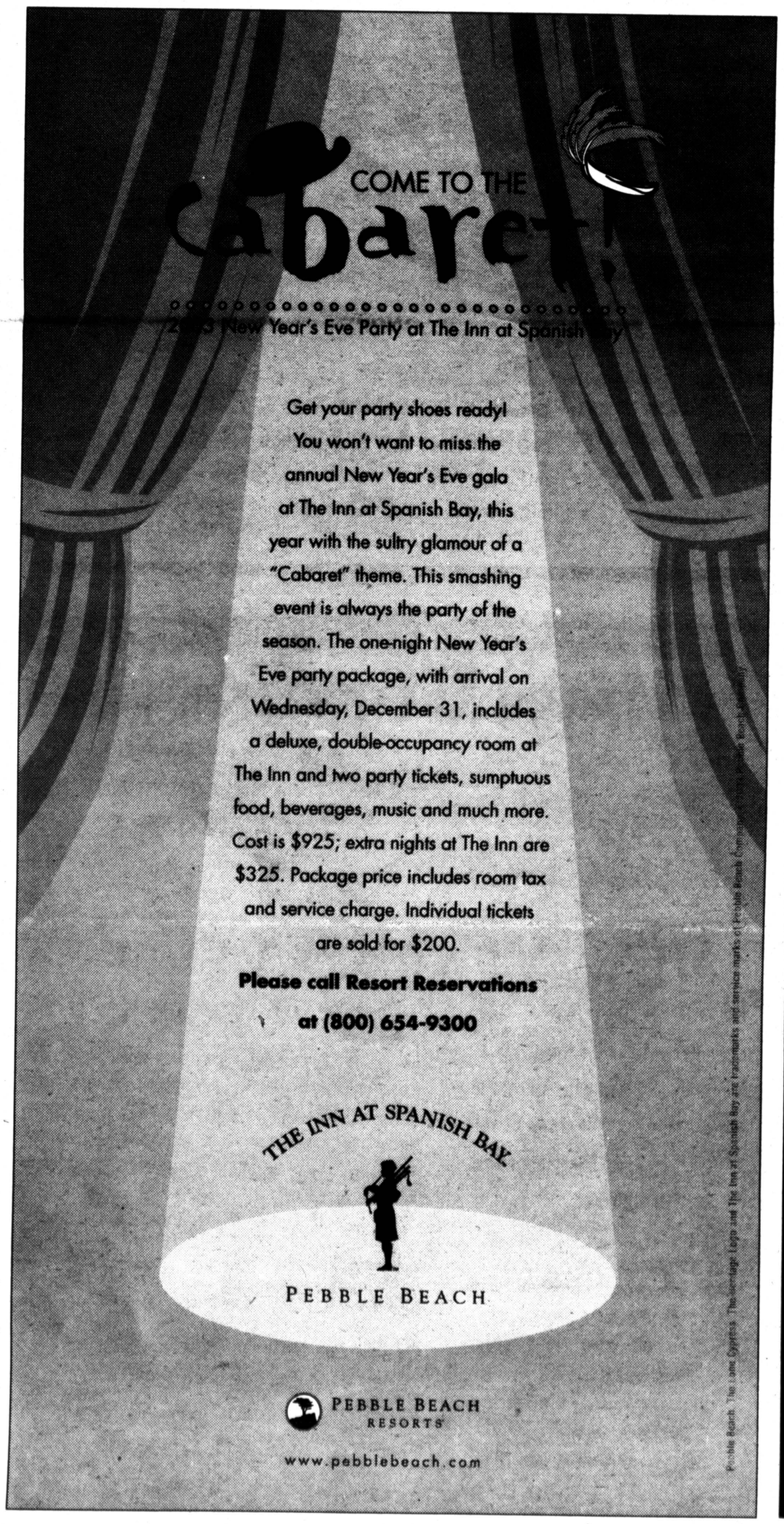
As well as virtually every book under the sun, there are lots of beautiful art books devoted to a single artist or subject: Kandinsky, Antoni Gaudi, Japanese prints, Klimt, London Interiors, Man Ray, Dali, Hunderwasser, Kahlo, Matisse and Klee to name only a few.

There are many good looking journals, and a "Book Buddy" to make your book feel weightless as you balance it on a padded board on your lap.

Bay Books is well-patronized by locals, and you'll want to browse through its many sections, clearly



The Thunderbird Bookshop at The Barnyard, Carmel, frequently fills its solarium with book lovers who come to hear authors speak about their latest books while dining at May Waldroup's Books and Dinners meeting. Booksignings are a frequent happening at The Thunderbird.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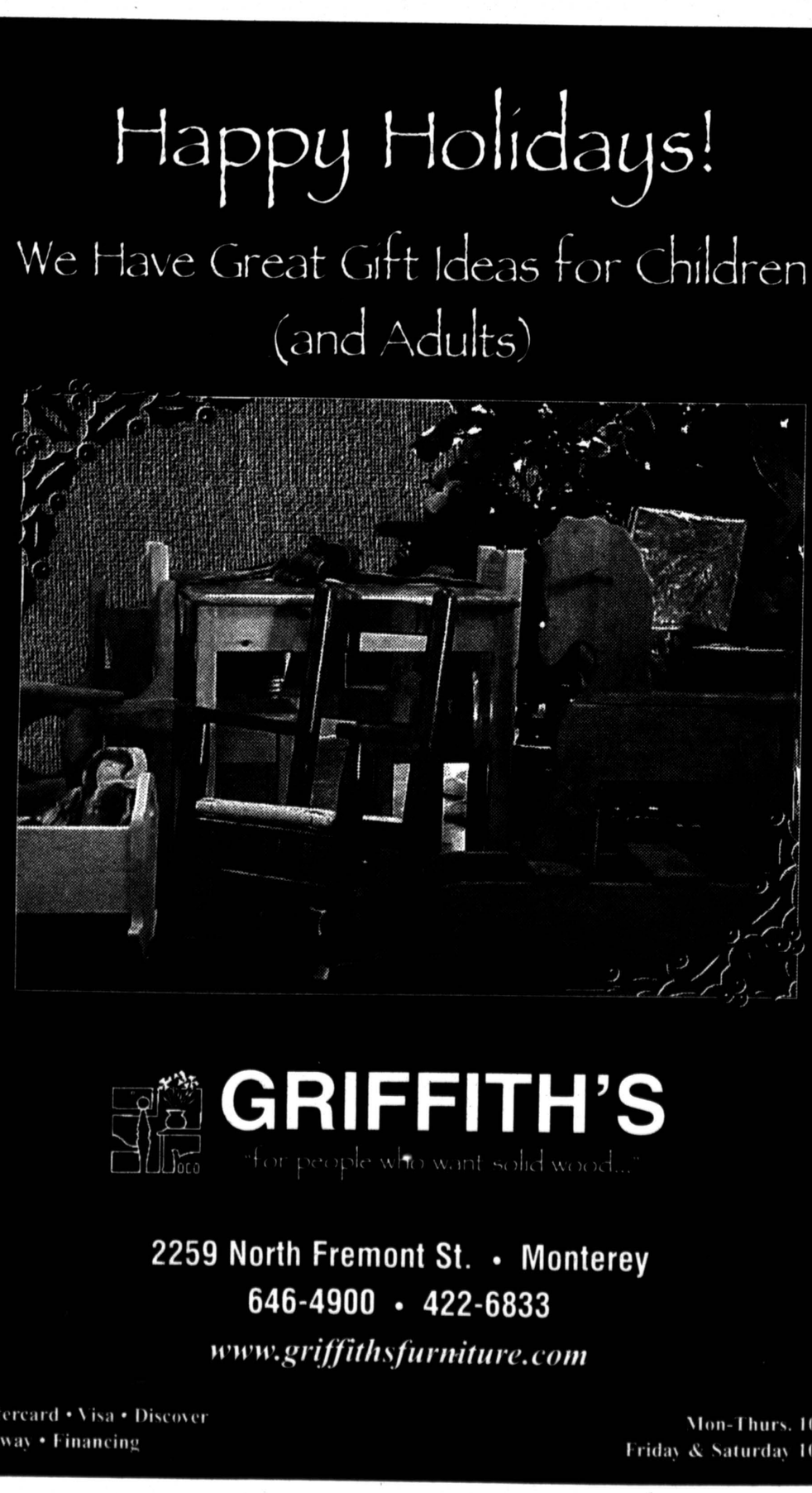

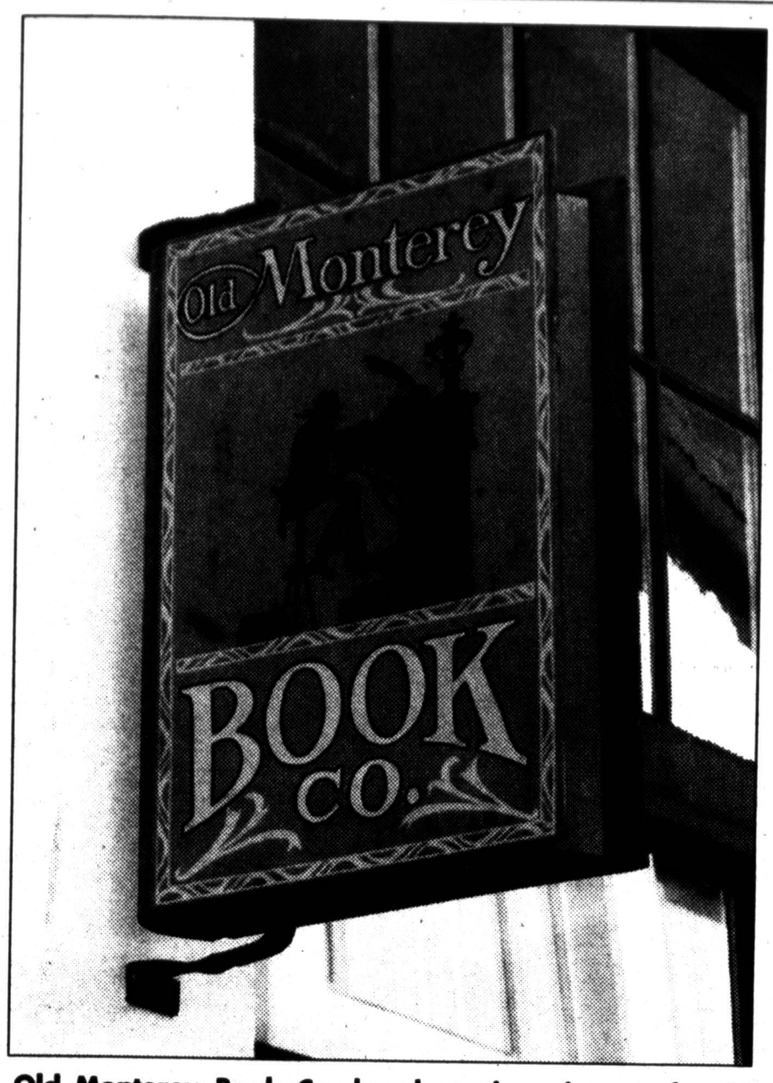

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JEAN MARIE O'Brien's Old Monterey Book Co. specializes in rare and out-of-print books. Located at 136 Bonifacio Place off Alvarado in Old Monterey, this very distinguished book shop is surrounded by the funky Blue Moon Trading Company, a used clothing store seemingly specializing in '70s wear, and the Outer Edge Hair Studio that keeps its salon supplies in a vintage refrigerator with its door wide open to hold bottles and sprays.

These seemingly unrelated neighboring shops make The Old Monterey Book Co. even more special, and remind one somewhat of North Beach, San Francisco. The book company offers a collection of first editions, art house press books and broadsides, signed editions, and one-of-a-kind, out of print books. More modern and modestly priced books, in very good condition, may be found here, too..

An autographed 1989 copy of "The Great Santini" by Pat Conroy goes for $100.

A 1930 "Ulysses" by James Joyce, published by the celebrated shop, Shakespeare and Co., 12, Rue de L'Odéon, Paris, is $650. It has marbleized end papers and is three-quarter leather bound.

The book store has occupied this location for 50 years, and Jean is the fifth owner, having purchased it in 1990 after retiring from a 25 year career as a high school teacher in Los Angeles. She was a junior high English teacher after graduating from UCLA.

Among the books behind glass-fronted bookcases, there is a first trade edition of "Antheil, and the Treatise on Harmony" by Ezra Pound published in 1921 by Pascal Covici Publishers, Inc. of Chicago, which is marked $75.

"San Joaquin," poems by William Everson, was printed by the Ward Ritchie Press, Los Angles in 1939, and is valued at $1,250.

A section of a work in progress by James Joyce's daughter, Lucia Joyce, printed on hand made paper by Corvinus Press in Centaur type, is the 123rd copy of only 175 copies printed. The slim but oversize volume is bound in orange vellum and is entitled "Storiela as she is Syung (sung)" and is marked $2,500.

"Kleine Betrachtung" (Little Contemplations) is inscribed by John Steinbeck in German. It was printed by the Buchergelde Gutenberg, Zurich and goes for $5,000.

As well as books and pamphlets, there are many broadsides printed by art presses. The Lime Kiln Press printed the broadside "Shears" by Robinson Jeffers and "Tragedy has Obligations."

Jean Marie O'Brien is a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, of which there are only 499 members. She attends book shows two or three times a year and is planning for the next show in her hometown of San Francisco at the end of January 2004.

If you love rare books, and books in general, drop in at the Old Monterey Book Co. This is what a bookstore should look like. This is what an antiquarian bookshop should be.

The phone number is 372-3111.

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BOOKWORKS, 667 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, is owned by Bill and Linda Buckhart. Here is another bookstore that is comfortable to browse in. There are three comfy couches, a self-serve coffee and dessert bar, and lots of tables and chairs.

Here is another shop which divides its books into categories and clearly marks them as such so that getting to your favorite mystery or poetry section is made easy.

On the tables displayed with books suggested for Christmas giving was the ubiquitous "The Da Vinci Code" — we saw it at four of the five bookshops we visited — two books that are currently major motion pictures with Russell Crowe, "Master and Commander" by Patrick O'Brien, and "The Far Side of the World" were displayed prominently.

Regional books on San Francisco and the Napa Valley offers stunning photographs of those two pho-

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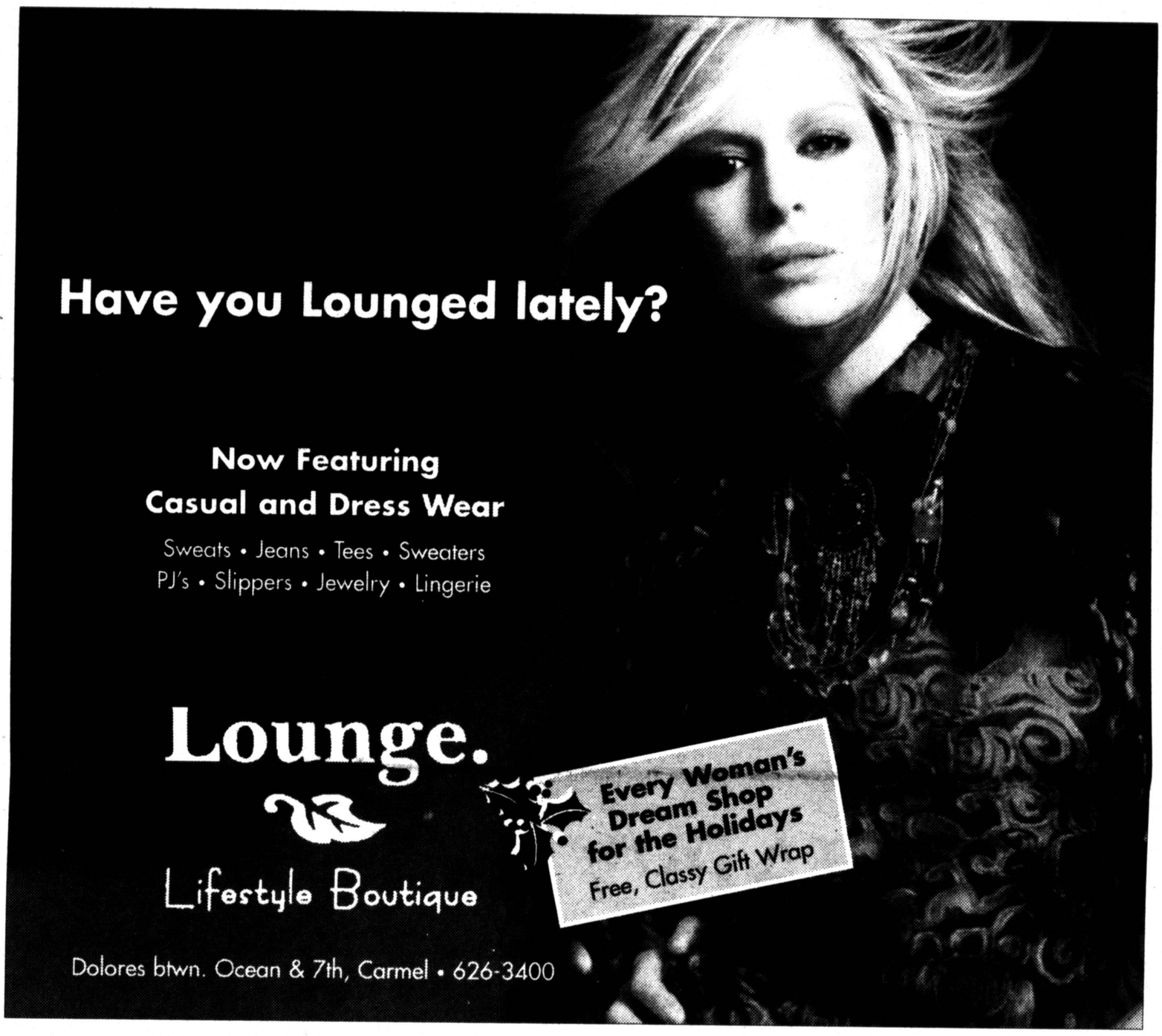
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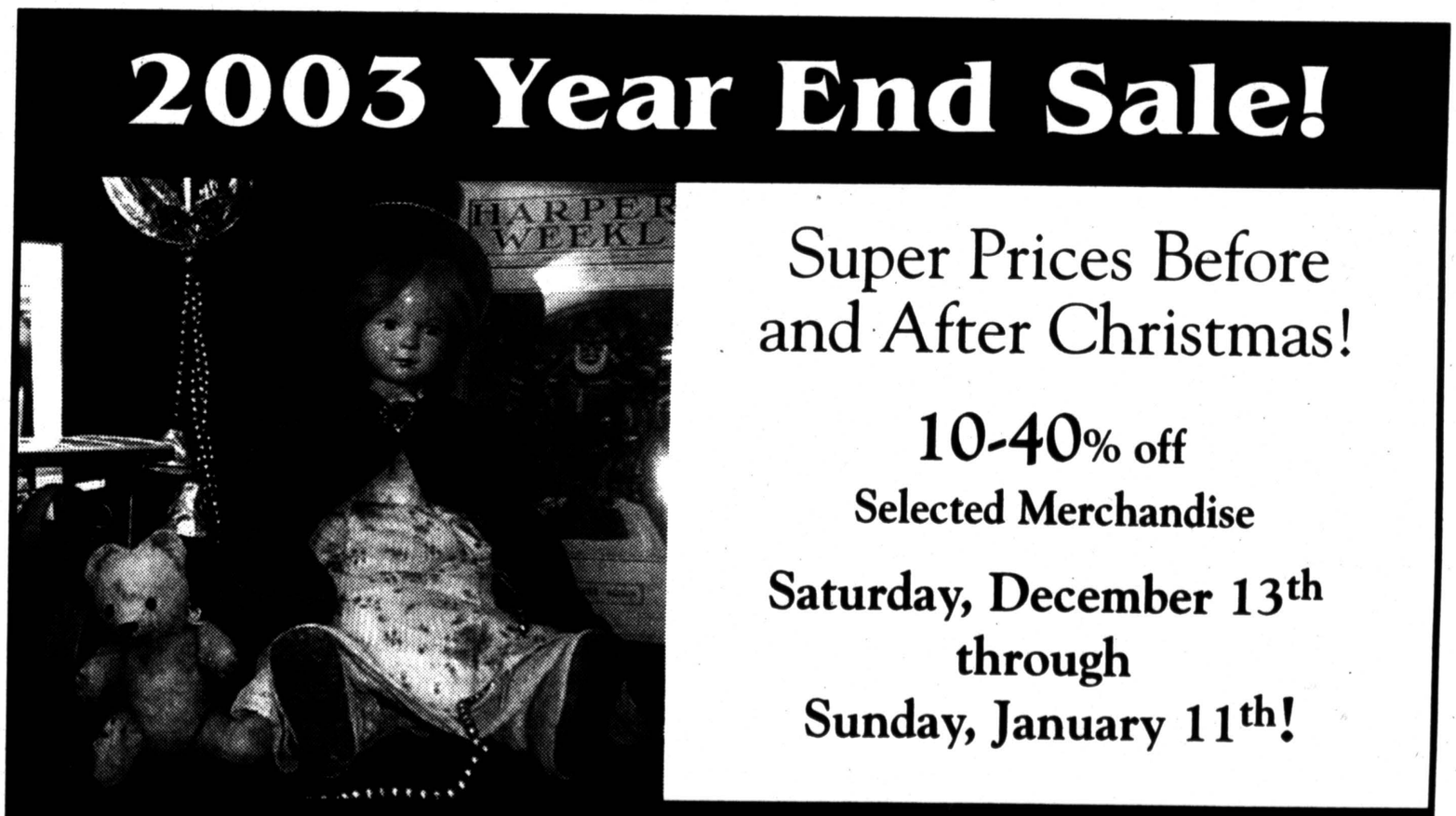
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TAKE ME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By MARY BROWNFIELD

LOCAL ANIMAL shelters hope residents will want to take home something warm and fuzzy this winter, so they have their Home 4 the Holidays campaigns going strong. Animal Friends Rescue Project, a nonprofit Pacific Grove group dedicated to finding ideal permanent homes for stray, abandoned and abused dogs and cats, will occupy a Carmel Plaza storefront Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14, to hold a Pet Adoptathon.

"This is a campaign that was started by a shelter in Los Angeles, but it has gone nationwide," explained AFRP representative Carie Broecker. "And just like anybody wants to have a home for the holidays, so do animals."

H4tH, as Monterey County Animal Services calls it, now includes 1,200 shelters around the world and is sponsored by The Iams Company, PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., the PETCO Foundation and the Helen Woodward Animal Center. It runs through Jan. 4.

According to animal services director Kathy Prew, 1999's Home 4 the Holidays resulted in the adoption of more than 2,500 pets, while the following year's campaign yielded 20,000 adoptions. In 2001, 100,000 pets found new homes, and last year

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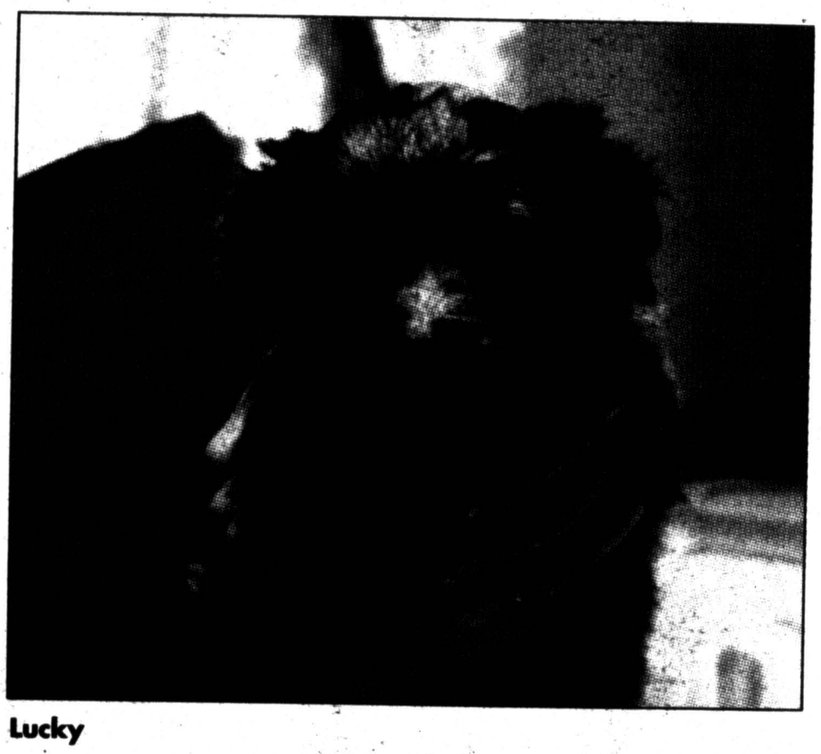

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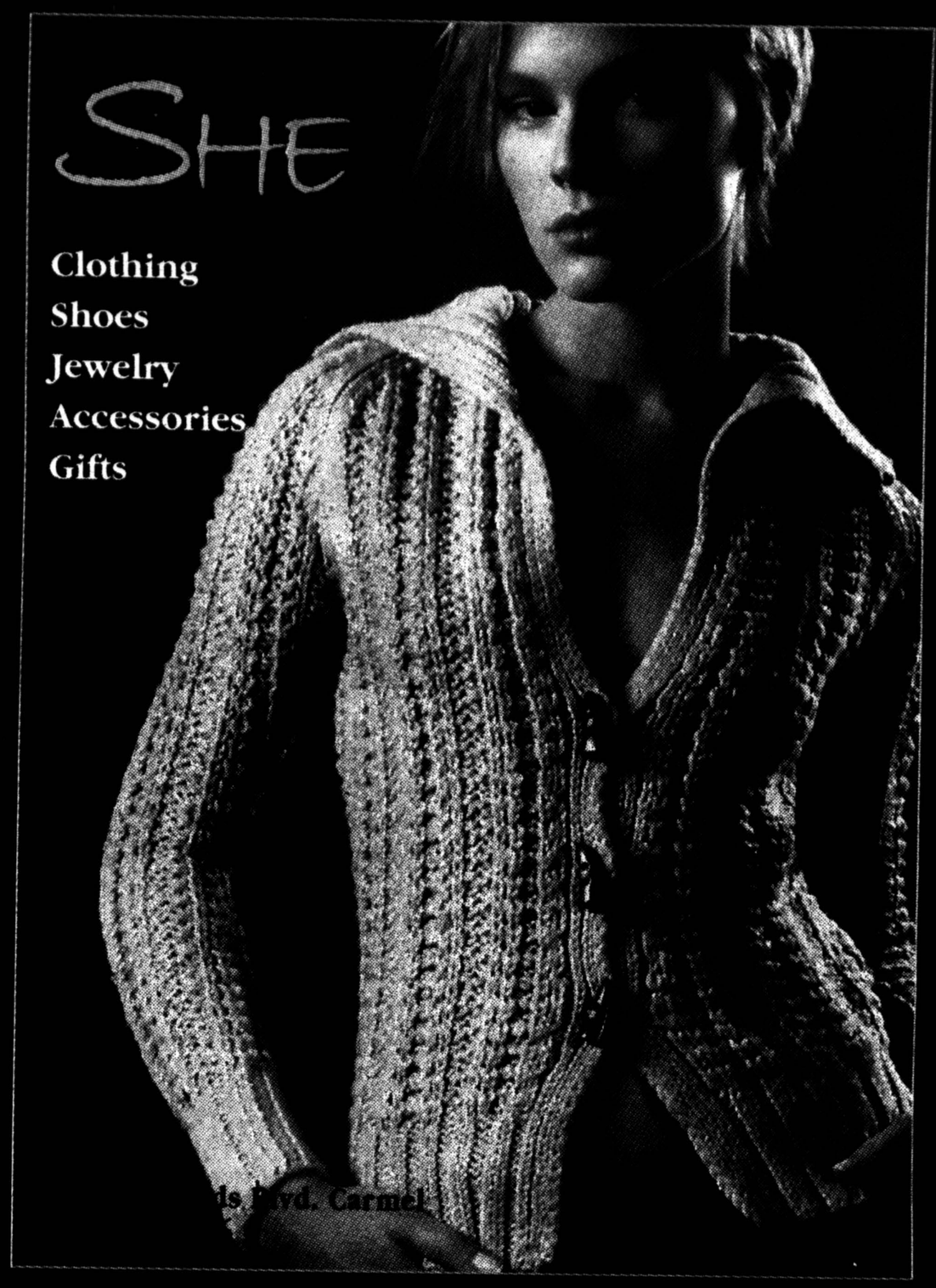

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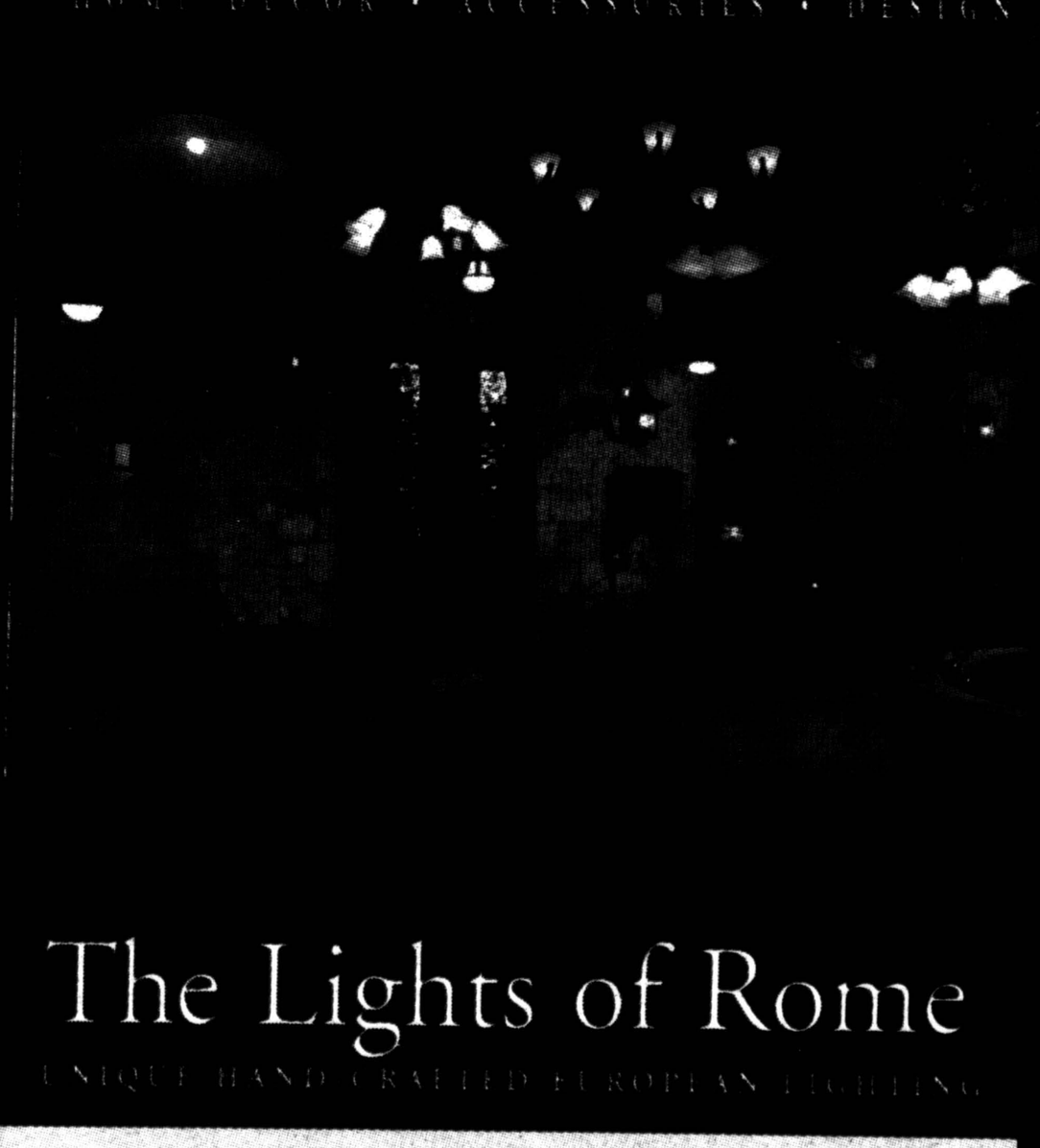

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togenic areas.

"The Book of the Heart" by Louisa Young, and "Faces of Hope — Children of the Changing World" by Alison Wright look like winners.

Boys will love the colorful "Boards — the Art and Design of the Skateboard" edited by Jacob Hoyle, and cooks will like "La Mia Cucina Toscana — A Tuscan Cooks in America" by Pino Lerongo, and "Restaurant Favorites at Home" by the editor of "Cook's Illustrated" magazine.

"The Life of Jesus from the Guery Art Collection" by Richard Abrams and Warner Hutchinson is a beautiful book.

"The Elvis Treasure" by Robert Gordon contains never before published material, removable documents, memorabilia and an audio CD.

Car enthusiasts should appreciate "Corvette — an American Classic" by Dan Lyons and John Katz.

Art lovers will love "Hockney's People" by Marco Livingstone and Kay Heymeyer and "Through the Lens — National Geographic's Greatest Photographs."

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Special sections in the store are set aside for the John Steinbeck Gallery, New York Times Best Sellers; mysteries, fiction, children's books and poetry areas, and much more.

There are gift sections: Artistic journals, for instance, and a greeting card section.

Bookworks also puts on booksignings and poetry readings. If you haven't been in lately, do so before Christmas. It will be easy to select books as gifts for all ages and tastes.

Bookworks can be reached at 372-2242. ❐

ADOPT

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180,000 left shelters for the care of loving owners.

Local shelters hope to find homes for all their canines, felines and other residents this year.

"Carmel Plaza has given us a whole store on the second floor for the Adoptathon," Broecker said. "We'll have kittens and adult cats, and all of these puppies we rescued. Their moms are also looking for homes."

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— Carie Broecker

Broecker said the store will be decorated to the hilt for the weekend event, which runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

"It's just going to be us and a whole bunch of animals," she said. Among them will be nine Dalmatian mix puppies and eight Australian shepherd mix pups.

While some visitors might be inclined to surprise a loved one with a new animal companion, Broecker discouraged adopting without involving all the family members who will be living with the cat or dog.

"We don't encourage gift adoptions and don't want impulse adoptions, but people who want to adopt and the whole family's in on it," she said.

Recognizing that surprise is the essence of holiday giving, however, Broecker said the AFRP will sell gift certificates covering the price of the adoption fee so the recipient and family can then find the perfect pet to adopt together.

Salinas shelter drive

To draw potential pet owners through its doors during the 2003 Home 4 the Holidays campaign, the Monterey County Animal Services shelter in Salinas is offering gift certificates redeemable at local PETCO stores. The certificates can be exchanged for an Adoption Gift Booklet containing coupons for a free holiday pet meal from Iams and $180 in savings on other animal-care-related needs.

Located at 160 Hitchcock Road, the county shelter is open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and can be reached at 769-8850. Be sure to check out animal services' Christmas tree, decorated in a special ceremony Nov. 29 to celebrate its first Christmas in the new building.

For more information about the Animal Friends Rescue Project, call 333-0722 or visit www.animalfriendsrescue.org. The small nonprofit, which so far has helped save 4,500 animals, can also always use donations of pet carriers, kitty litter and cash. ❐

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A Symphony Christmas

~ IN CARMEL ~

Saturday, December 20, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, 2:00 p.m.

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The first scene of the program takes place at a skating pond outside a large church. Musicians play holiday music while people dance, sing, and skaters enjoy the "ice." Choristers in robes make their way past the pond and enter a church singing, "O Come, O Come, Emanuel." In the second scene, concertmaster William Barbini will perform the Meditation from *Thais,* soprano Nancy Kromm will sing "O, Holy Night" and the Symphony Chorus will sing Michael Praetorius' *In dulce jubilio* and other sacred selections. The first act ends with the chorus members exiting the church to "Silent Night."

After intermission, the third scene takes place inside a ballroom. Flutist Elena Durán and jazz pianist Bob Phillips perform selections by Claude Bolling, the Symphony ensembles perform music for the holidays, and the Symphony Chorus sings magnificent arrangements of traditional Christmas music. Plus, the audience is asked to join in the sing-a-long of popular carols. The evening turns cold but the unexpected conclusion is sure to warm your heart.

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Monterey Symphony events sell out quickly. Please purchase tickets in advance.

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Media support for A Symphony Christmas in Carmel was received from Classical KBach, 95.5 FM.
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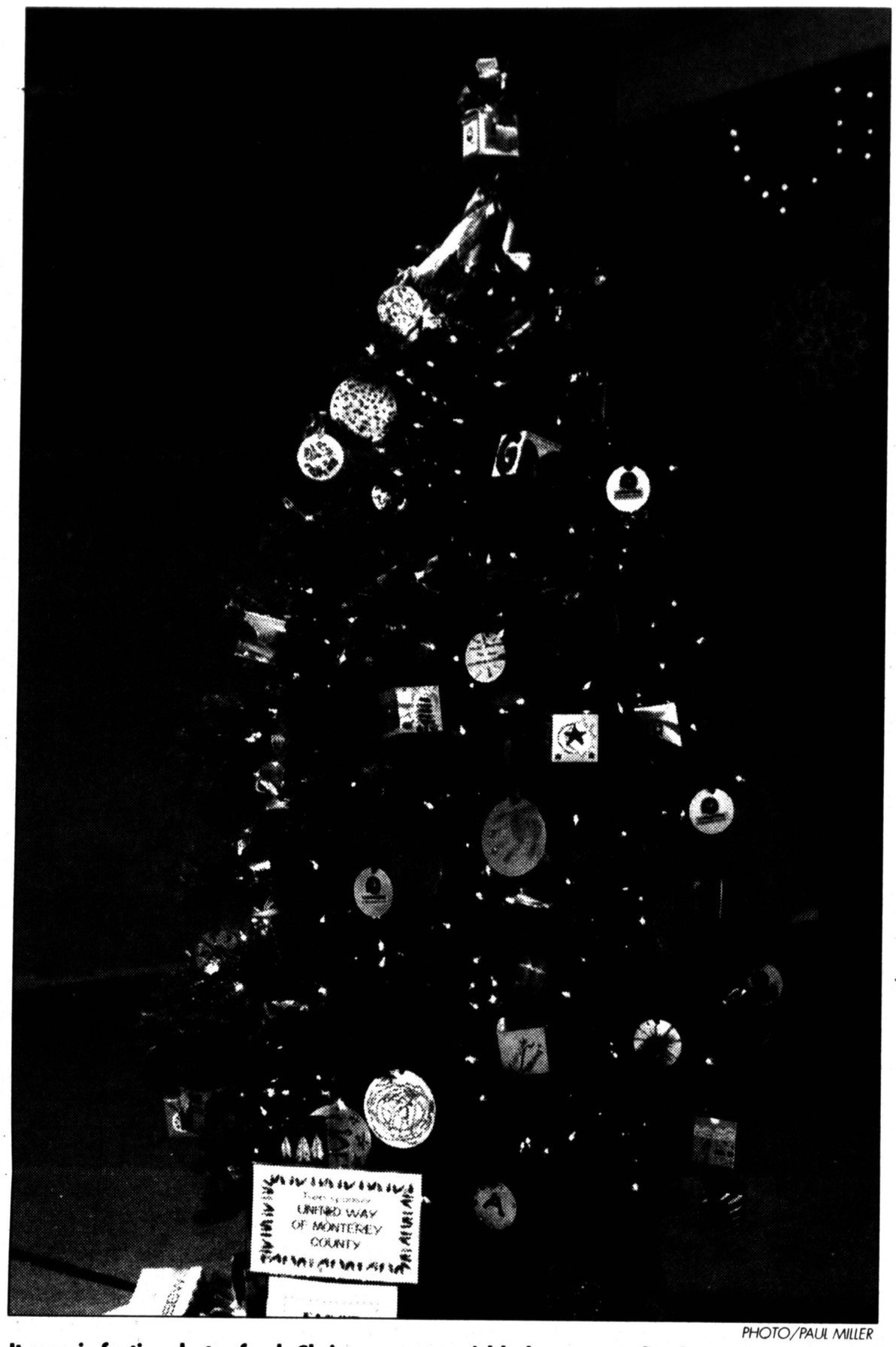
Local fire departments offer tree safety tips

THERE'S NOTHING like the aroma of a freshly cut Christmas tree to get the family in the holiday spirit, but the tree can be a major fire hazard if it's not properly cared for, according to three Peninsula fire departments.

Fire prevention specialists from Carmel Highlands, Pebble Beach and Cypress fire protection districts compiled a list of musts for a safe holiday season.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

It sure is festive, but a fresh Christmas tree quickly becomes a fire hazard if not properly cared for, warn local firefighters.

n Recut the trunk at least 1 inch above the old cut as soon as you bring the tree home, allowing it to continue delivering water to its branches and needles. If it won't be set up in the house for a few days, stand the tree in a bucket of water until it's ready to be brought indoors.

■ Before mounting the tree in a sturdy, appropriately sized tree stand, rinse the stand's reservoir with a capful of bleach mixed with water to reduce the growth of organisms that can block the tree's water intake.

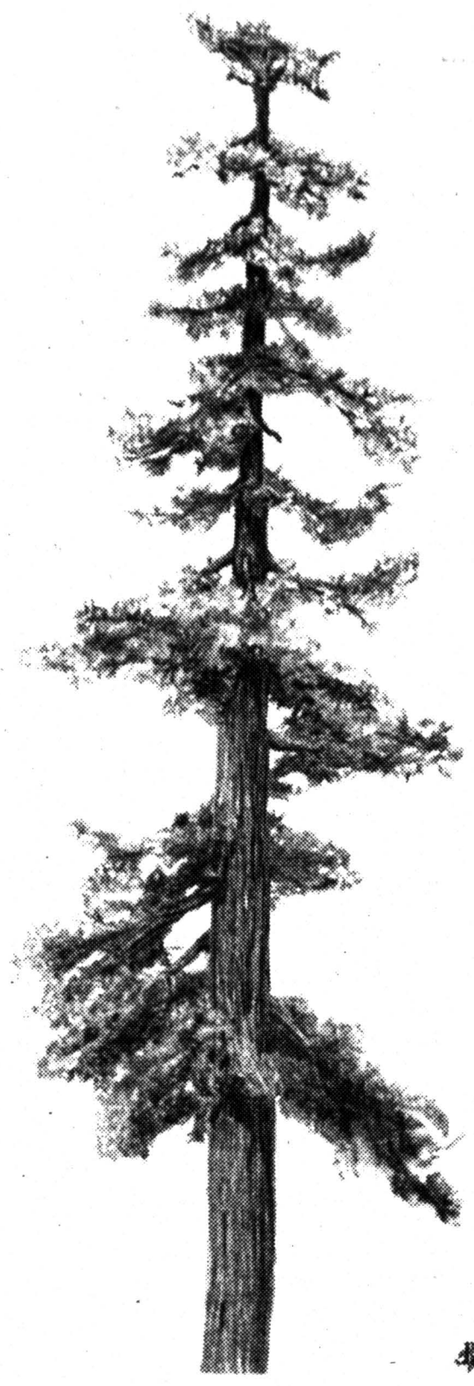
■ Check the water level in the stand daily. Moisture is the key to keeping the tree fresh and fire resistant. When refilling the stand, use lukewarm water for better absorption.

■ It might look beautiful right next to the fireplace, but firefighters say you should never locate a Christmas tree next to a heat source — including vents, space heaters, wood stoves or fireplaces. Instead, put the tree in the coolest location possible, and be sure to turn down the heat at night.

■ Standard-size holiday tree lights generate heat and accelerate the rate of drying, while miniature lights produce substantially less heat and thereby reduce the drying effect on the tree. No matter how much you like to come home or wake up to a twinkling tree, never leave a lighted tree unattended and don't leave the lights on for prolonged periods. Don't forget to check light sets for frayed or cracked wires and broken sockets before stringing them on the tree. If they're worn out, toss them and buy a new set.

■ Remove the tree soon after the holidays, since even a properly cared for cut tree will dry out and become hazardous. Tree recycling programs are available in most Peninsula communities.

Check The Pine Cone during Christmas week for pickup schedules and drop off locations. ❐



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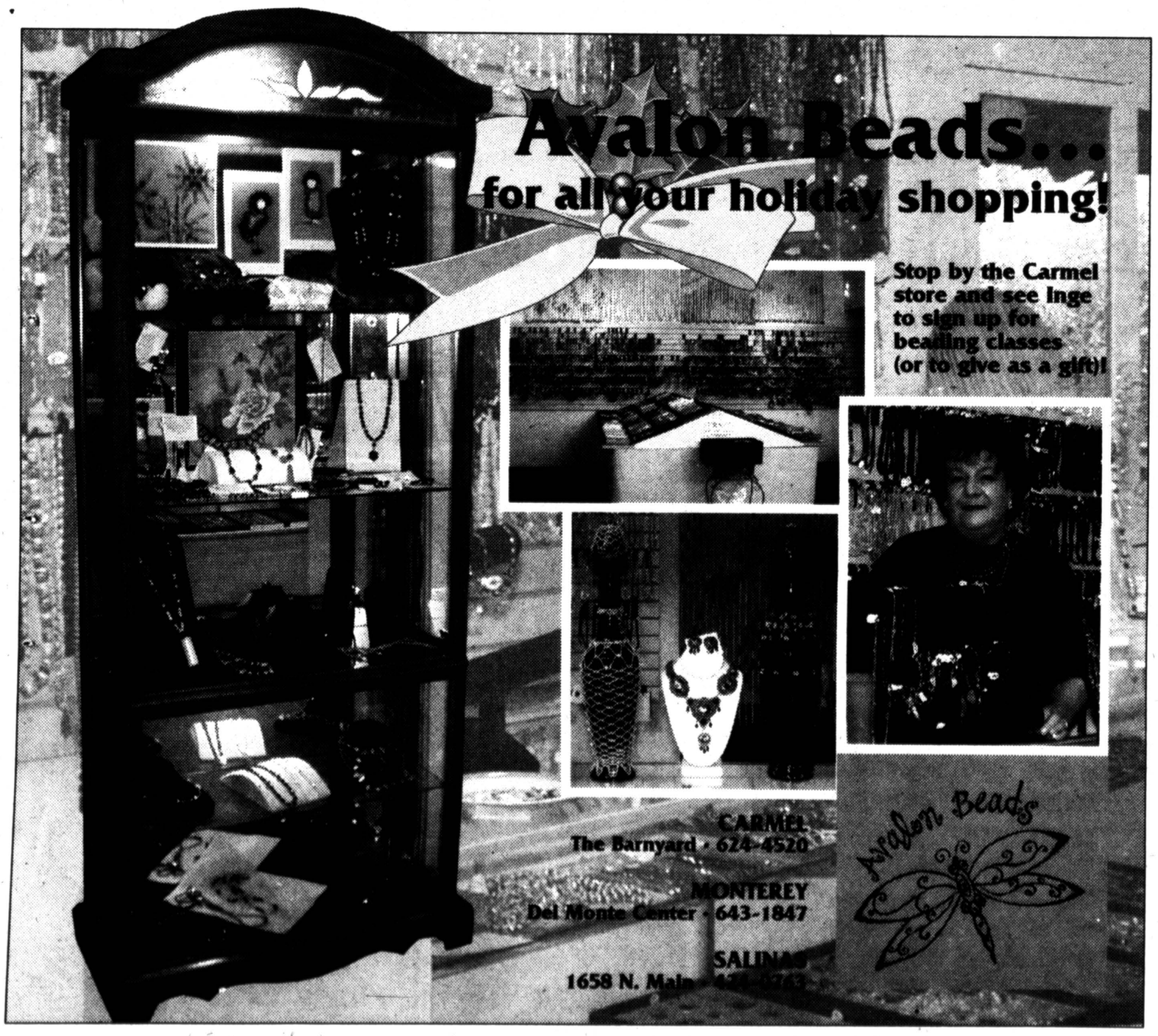
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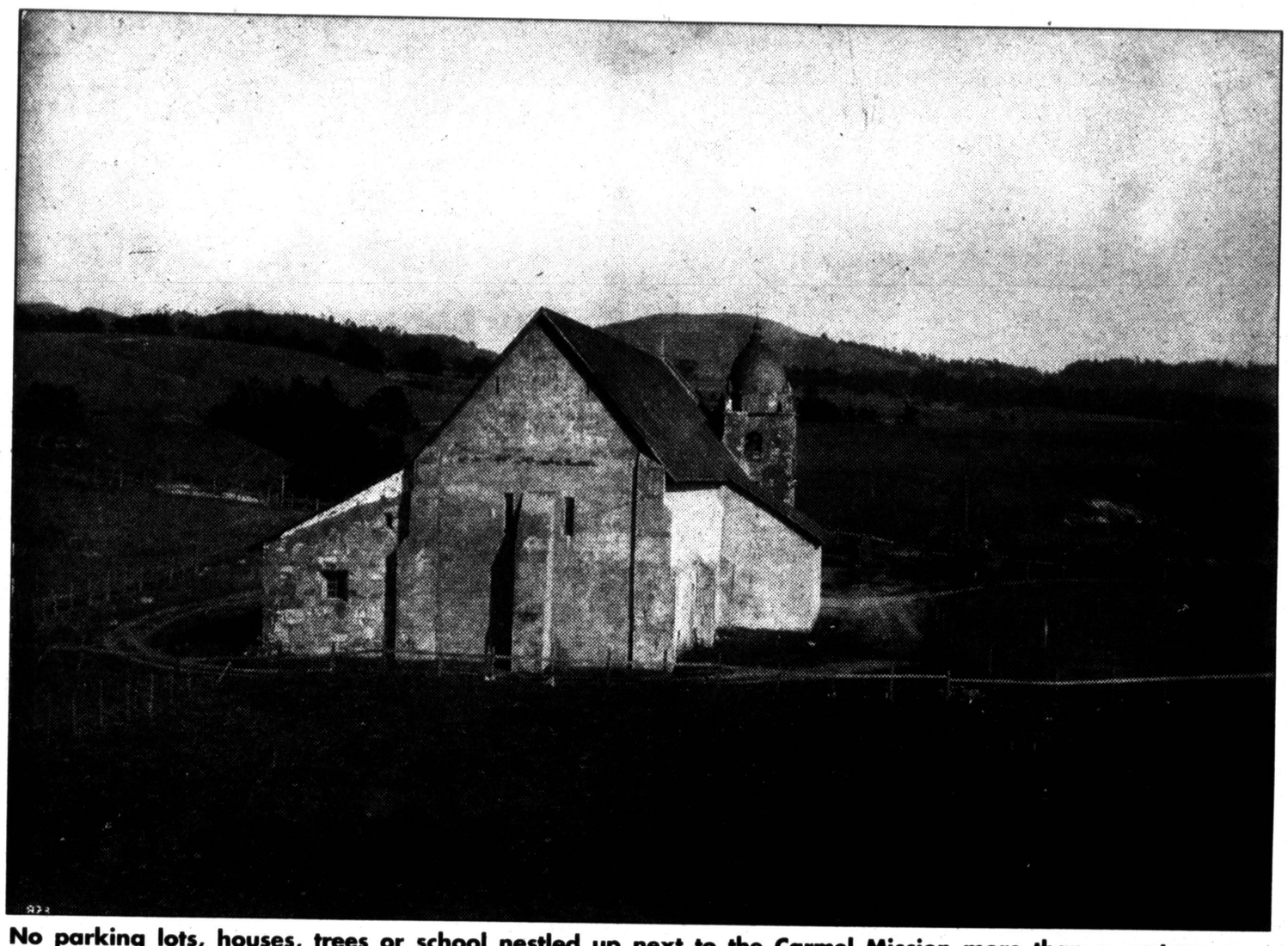

No parking lots, houses, trees or school nestled up next to the Carmel Mission more than a century ago. Historical images like this one are compiled in a city-published book on sale for $10.

A RUINED and roofless Carmel Mission, a dramatic scene from the Forest Theater's inaugural performance of "David," and Carmel's very first post office are among the images of a bygone era compiled in a city-published paperback. Four dozen photographs spanning six decades are featured in the new book, "Carmel-by-the-Sea: Glimpses of Yesterday," to be available to the public just in time for Christmas for $10 a copy, according to Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud.

"Somebody who came into the display happened to mention the idea in passing, so we ran with it," she said of the plan to publish the collection hanging in the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center. "It was one of those very good, spontaneous ideas that just came about."

The photos tell the unusual, sometimes humorous development of Carmel-by-the-Sea into a thriving town.

An early 1880s image captures an elegant woman reading in front of the sadly dilapidated Carmel Mission, including its roofless, rubble-strewn chapel. A circa-1888 poster shows Monterey realtor Santiago Duckworth's efforts to market Carmel as a "Catholic Summer Resort." Failing, he sold the land to developers Frank Devendorf and Frank Powers, who began selling lots for vacation homes and permanent residences in 1903.

That same year, the shingle-sided Pine Inn opened. A 1906 photo shows the inn at Monte Verde and Ocean.

Another 1906 photo depicts a handful of shops along Ocean Avenue, then a dirt road lined with boardwalks and young pines. In 1907, the Leidig family's grocery occupied the corner of San Carlos and Ocean where Dansk is now, and a 1933 photo shows a car which lost its brakes and slammed through the wall of Carmel Dairy at Mission and Ocean.

So far, 600 copies of the book have already been ordered, according to McCloud. She also mentioned the book to realtors, hoping they might give copies to new homeowners, and many liked the idea.

While the city could have made a little money from selling the book, McCloud said, "It really is a tool to share our history with newcomers in town and a way to promote our historic preservation efforts as well."

In addition, the paperback will likely satisfy anyone intrigued by Carmel's history and the characters who built the 1-square-mile town.

Set to be released Dec. 15, the book will be available for purchase in Carmel City Hall, Harrison Memorial Library's park branch at Mission and Sixth, and Sunset Center. ❐

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PacRep to host Maria Elena Holly at holiday fundraiser

PACREP THEATRE is holding a one-night-only Buddy Holly benefit concert, Rave On!, Thursday, Dec. 18, with Maria Elena Holly, widow of rock and roll legend Buddy Holly, as featured guest.

Rave On! will be a dinner, dance, and rock 'n' roll concert celebration, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with wine, hors d'oeuvres and a strolling dinner catered by Bahama Billy's. At 7 p.m. the cast of PacRep's record-breaking hit rock and roll musical, "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," will rock the Golden Bough Playhouse with two "mini concerts" — one set at the famed Apollo Theatre and one at the Surf Ballroom, in Clear Lake, Iowa, site of the real Buddy Holly's final concert before he was killed in a tragic plane crash in February 1959.

More than 20 Buddy Holly hit songs will be performed live on stage, including "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be The Day" and "Oh Boy," as well as new songs by "Buddy Holly Story" stars Roberto Preciado (Ritchie Valens), Scott Free (The Big Bopper), and of course Travis Poelle (Buddy Holly)! At 9 p.m., after the concert, concertgoers can join the cast on stage as they dance to rock 'n' roll oldies spun by celebrity DJ David Mars.

Rave On! benefit concert event tickets are $100 per person and are available at the Golden Bough Box Office, 622-0100, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Box Office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket order forms are available at www.pacrep.org.

"Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" historical notes:

Victoria Palace (London)

The original Buddy opened Oct. 12, 1989. Closed Sept. 30, 1995. Written by Alan Janes and directed by Rob Bettinson.

Strand Theatre (London)

"Buddy" opened October 1995.

March 3, 2002

"Buddy" closed after a total West End run of 12 years.

May 26, 2003

The PacRep Theatre cast of "Buddy" opens at the Golden Bough Playhouse in Carmel. The production breaks local box office records and is extended in Carmel, playing to over 8,000 playgoers. The production is attended by Connie Valens (Ritchie's sister) and the Valens family.

Aug. 16, 2003

The Carmel production, now in association with the San Jose Stage Company, moves to San Jose for an additional 10-week run, garnering rave reviews in the San Jose and San Francisco trade papers. The production is attended by Buddy's widow, Maria Elena Holly.

Nov. 20, 2003

The production re-opens at PacRep's Golden Bough Theatre for a five-week return engagement in Carmel, and is again attended by Maria Elena Holly.

Dec. 21, 2003

The Carmel production will close, after a combined Central/Northern California run of 110 performances.

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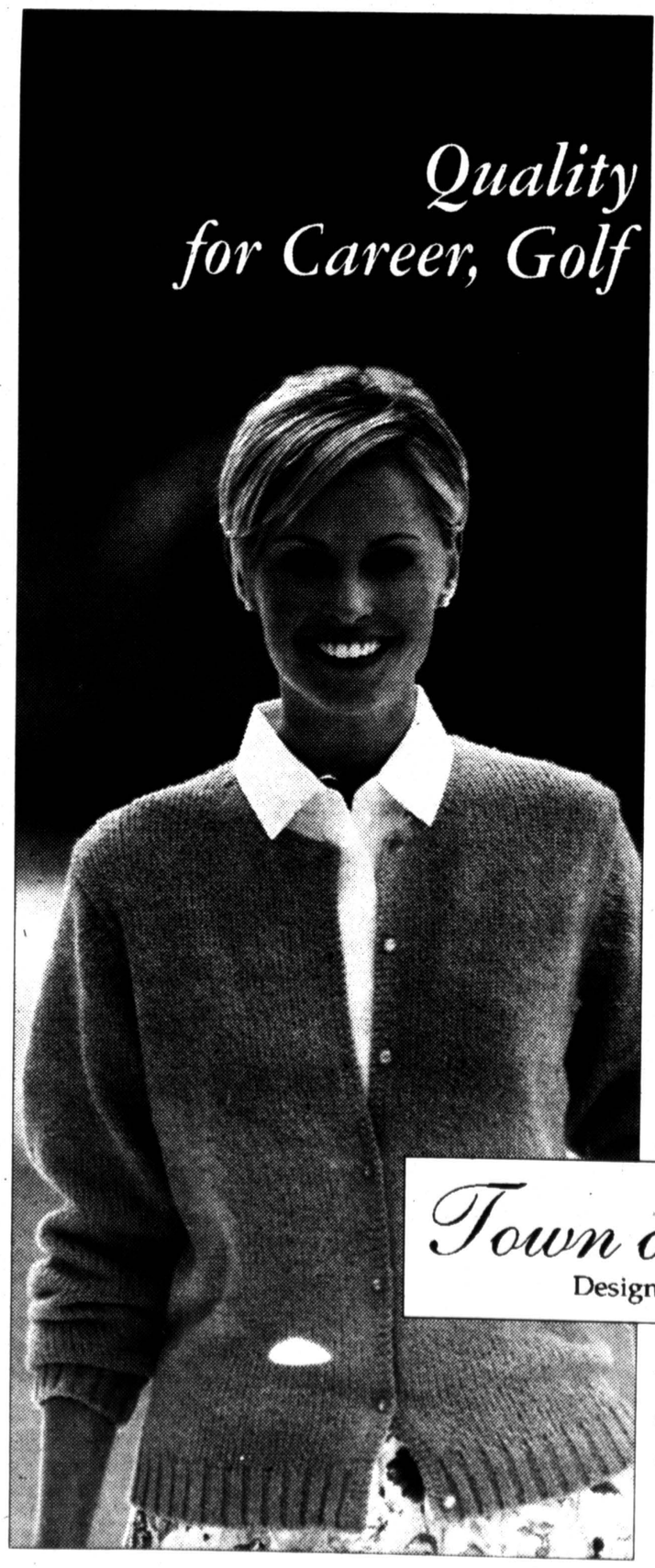

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Every Saturday and Sunday, from from noon to 4 p.m., Santa will be listening to Christmas wishes at the Holiday Forest, 700 Cannery Row (off Steinbeck Plaza). There will also be children's crafts, courtesy of MY Museum, weekends from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A Children's Petting Zoo will be open for visitors Saturday, Dec. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the plaza outside Bubba Gump's restaurant. And Sunday, Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m. there will be an ice carving demonstration outside Bubba Gump's.

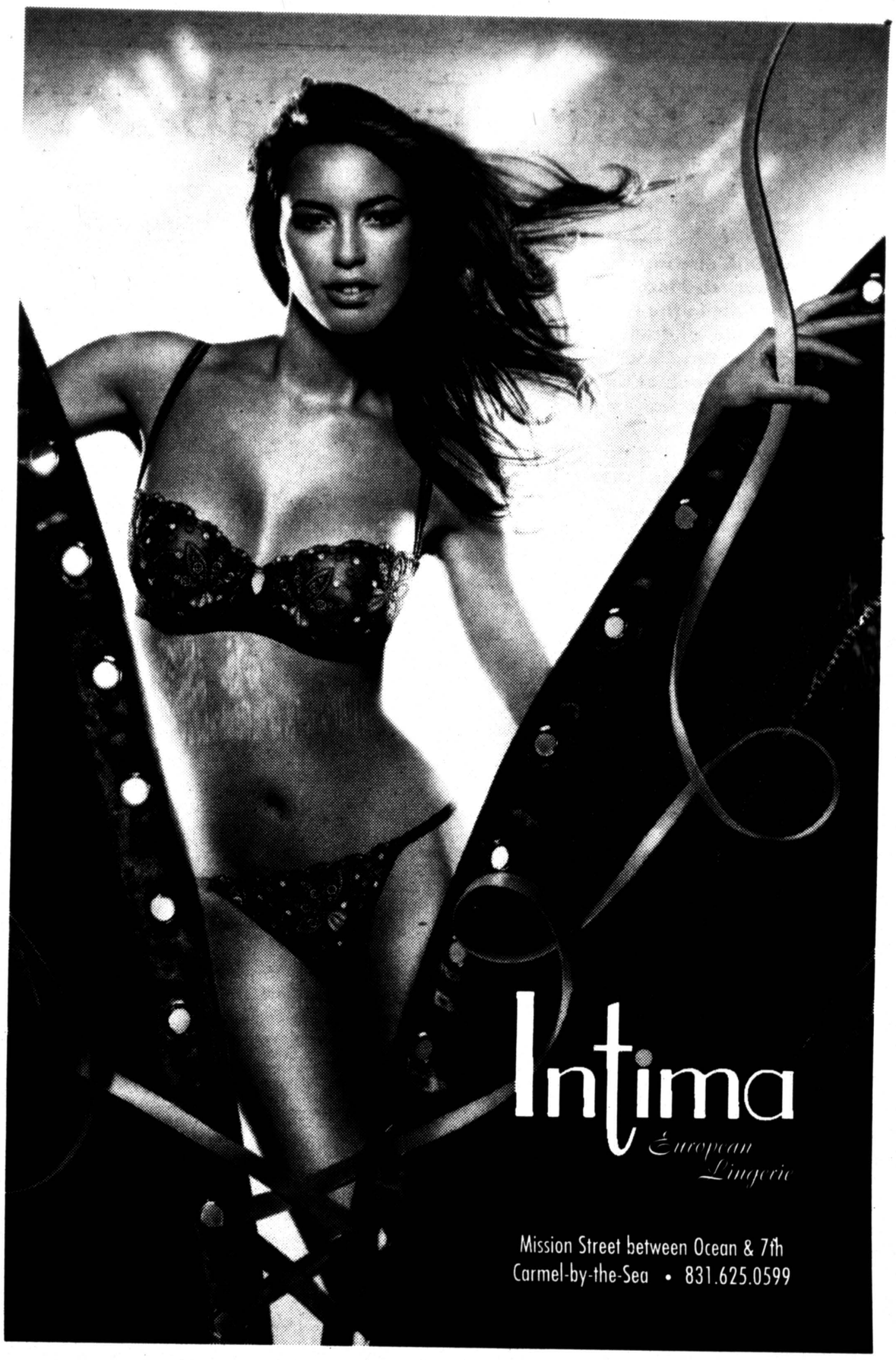
Carols and luminaria at the Carmel Mission

THE CAMERATA Singers will present one of their annual Christmas concerts Dec. 20 at the Carmel Mission Basilica at 8 p.m. Music Director John Koza will conduct a program called, "Carols and Lullabies," featuring new works by contemporary composers, along with modern arrangements of traditional pieces.

The featured work will be "Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest," by San Francisco composer Conrad Susa. "O Be Joyful" and "The Angel Gabriel" for chorus and guitar will also be presented. Three Nativity carols by Stephen Paulus will utilize chorus, harp and oboe. Traditional carols, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Il est nest le Divin Enfant," will be heard in new settings with harp and oboe. The concert will conclude with a setting of "Silent Night," with the audience being invited to sing with the Camerata Singers. Following each of the concerts, the audience can follow the luminaria-lit paths for a reception to meet the members of the Camerata Singers and guest artists. This year's concerts are sponsored by Country Home Care.

In addition to the Dec. 20 8:30 p.m. concert at the Carmel Mission, there will be performances Dec. 19 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas at 8 p.m. and Dec. 21 at Mission San Antonio in Jolon at 3 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved using VISA or MasterCard by calling 642-2701 or by visiting the following locations: Carmel — Pilgrim's Way, Thunderbird Book Shop; King City —The UPS Store; Pacific Grove — Bookmark, Bookworks; Salinas — Gadsby's Music Co., Waldenbooks at Northridge Mall. ❐



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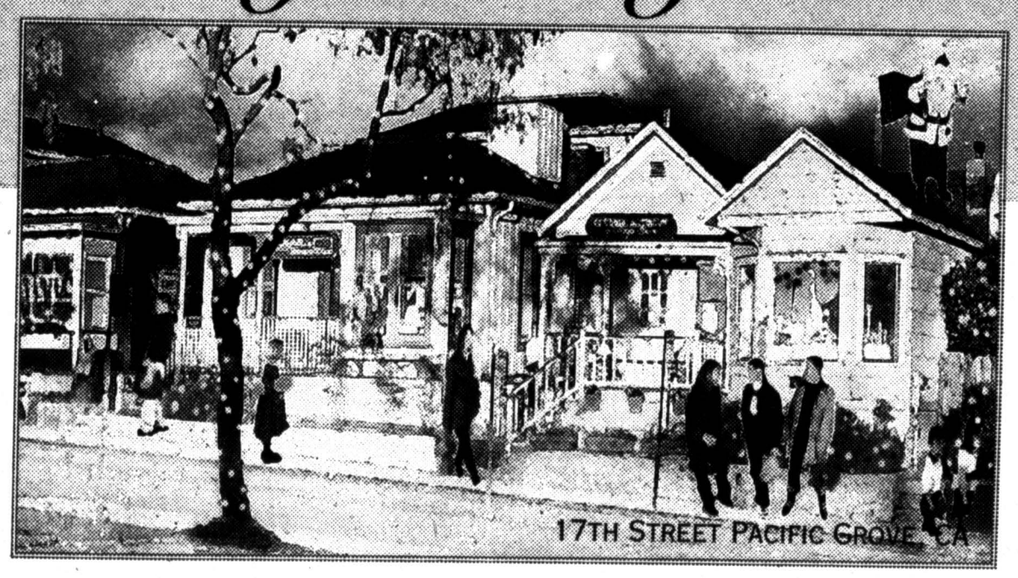

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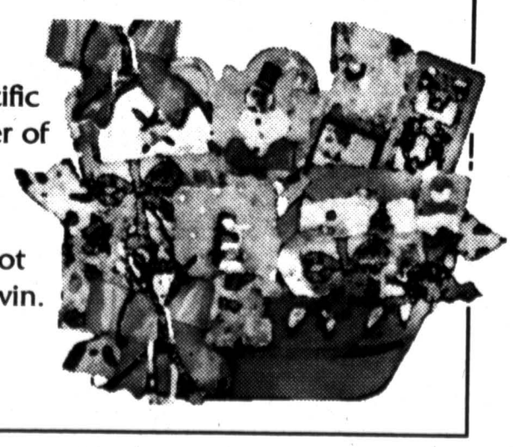

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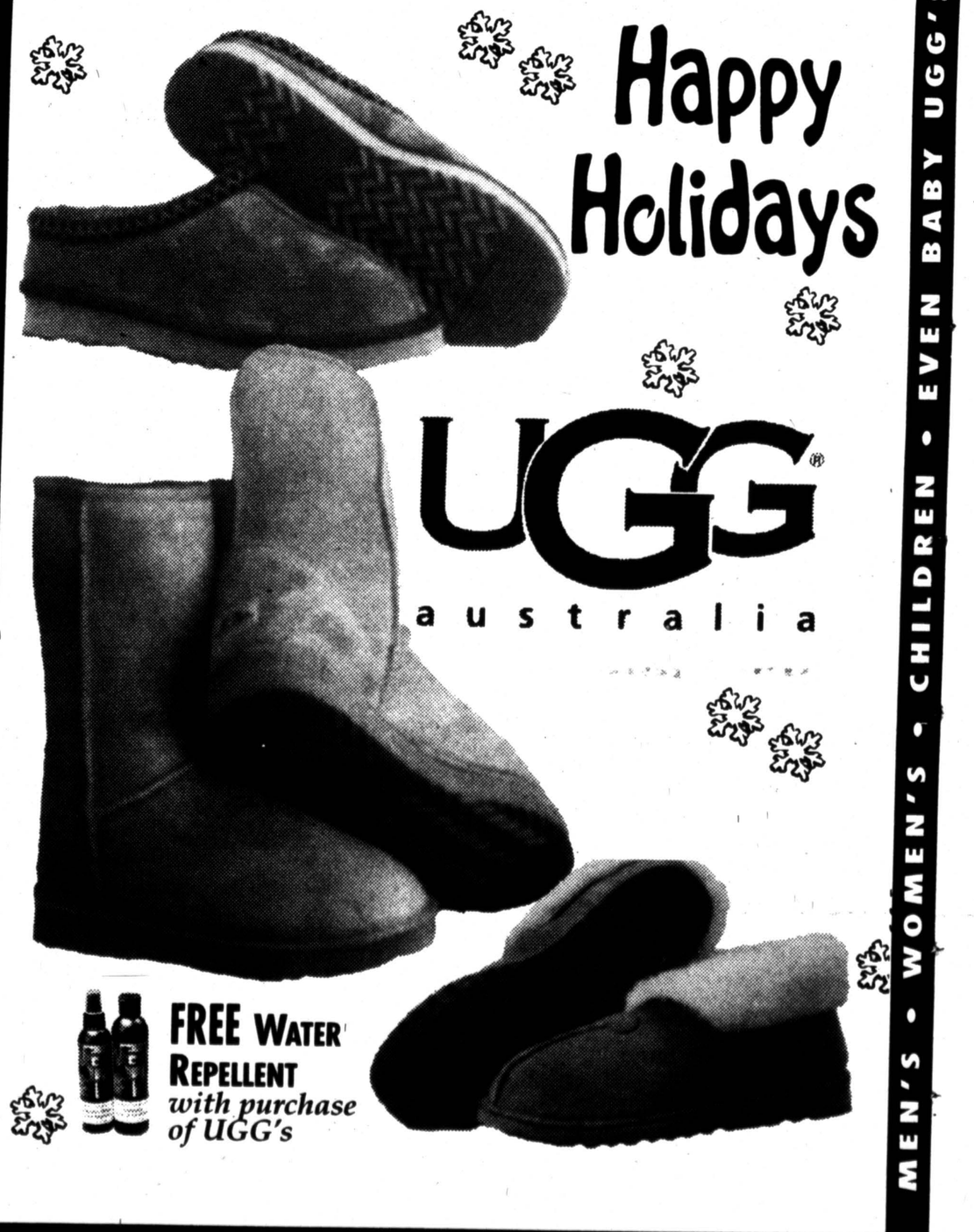
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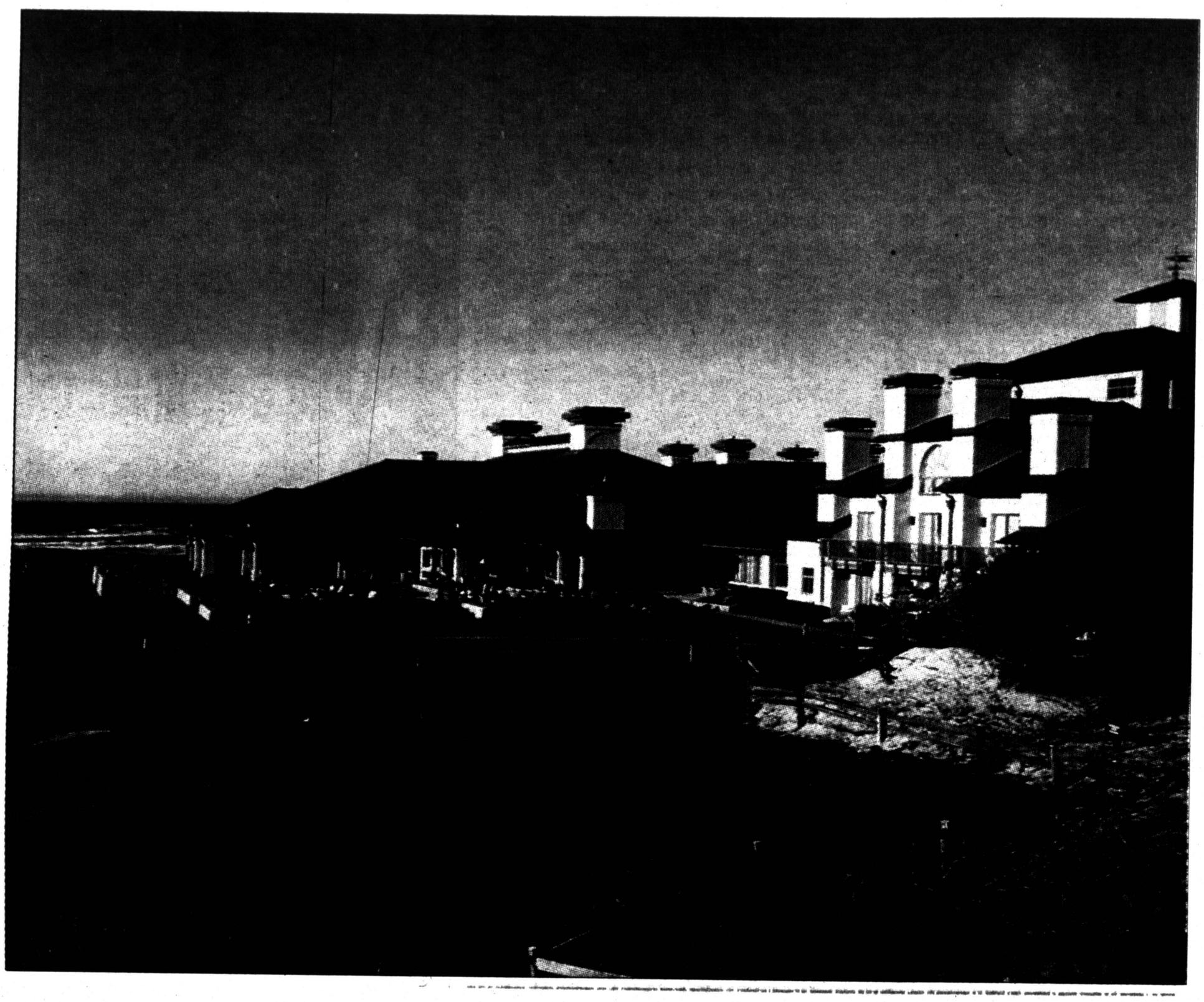

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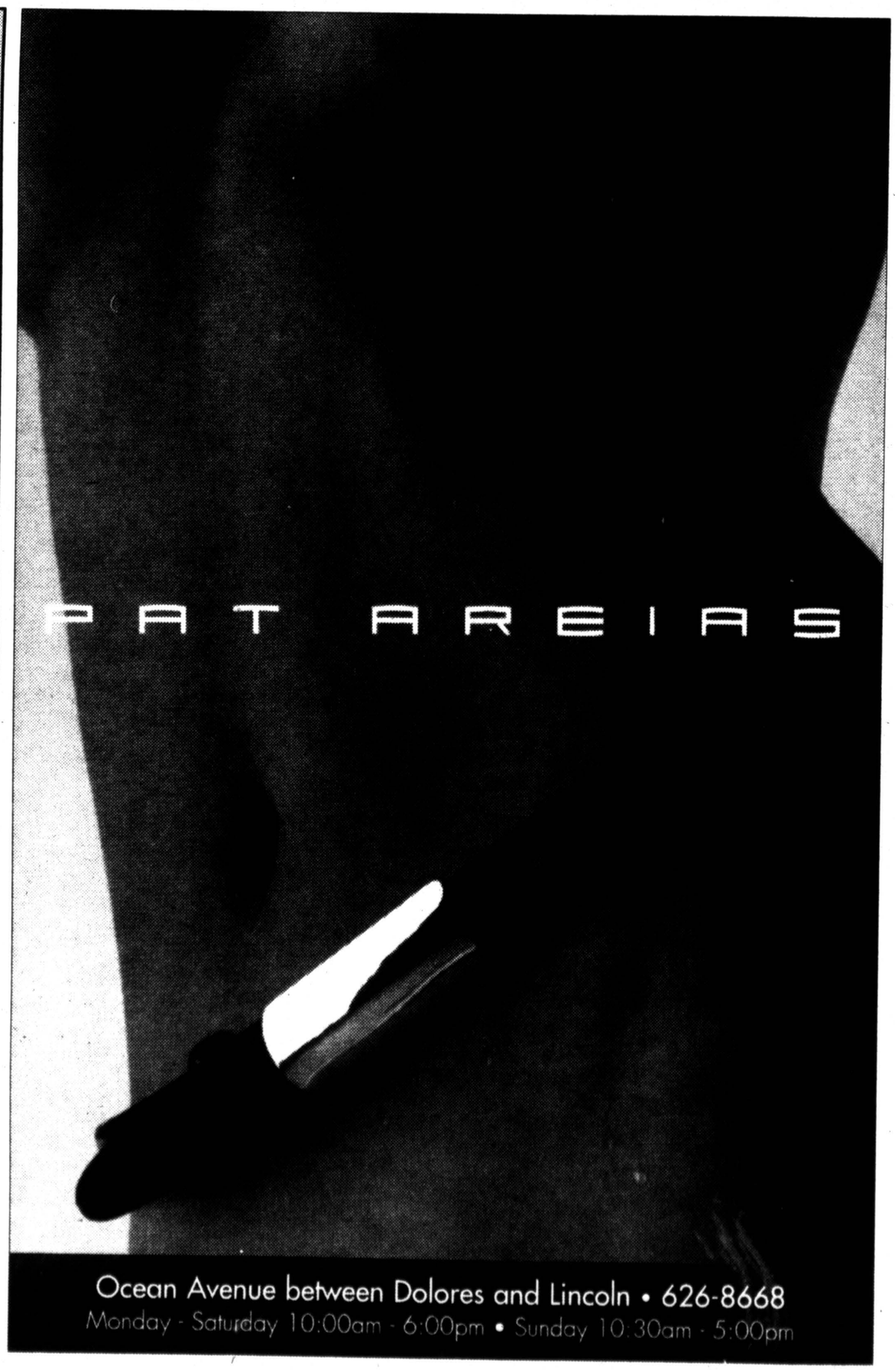

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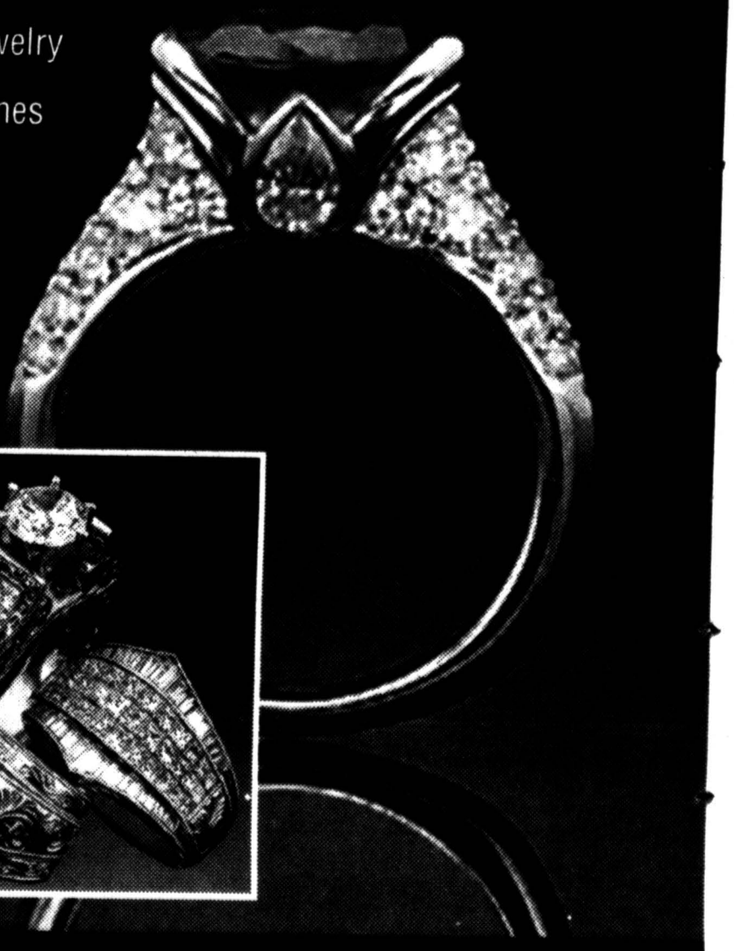

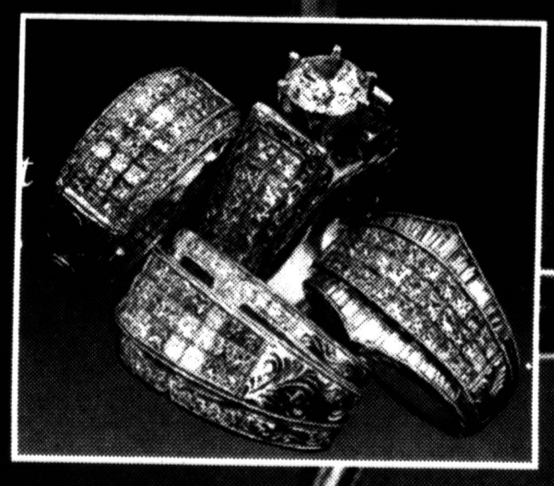

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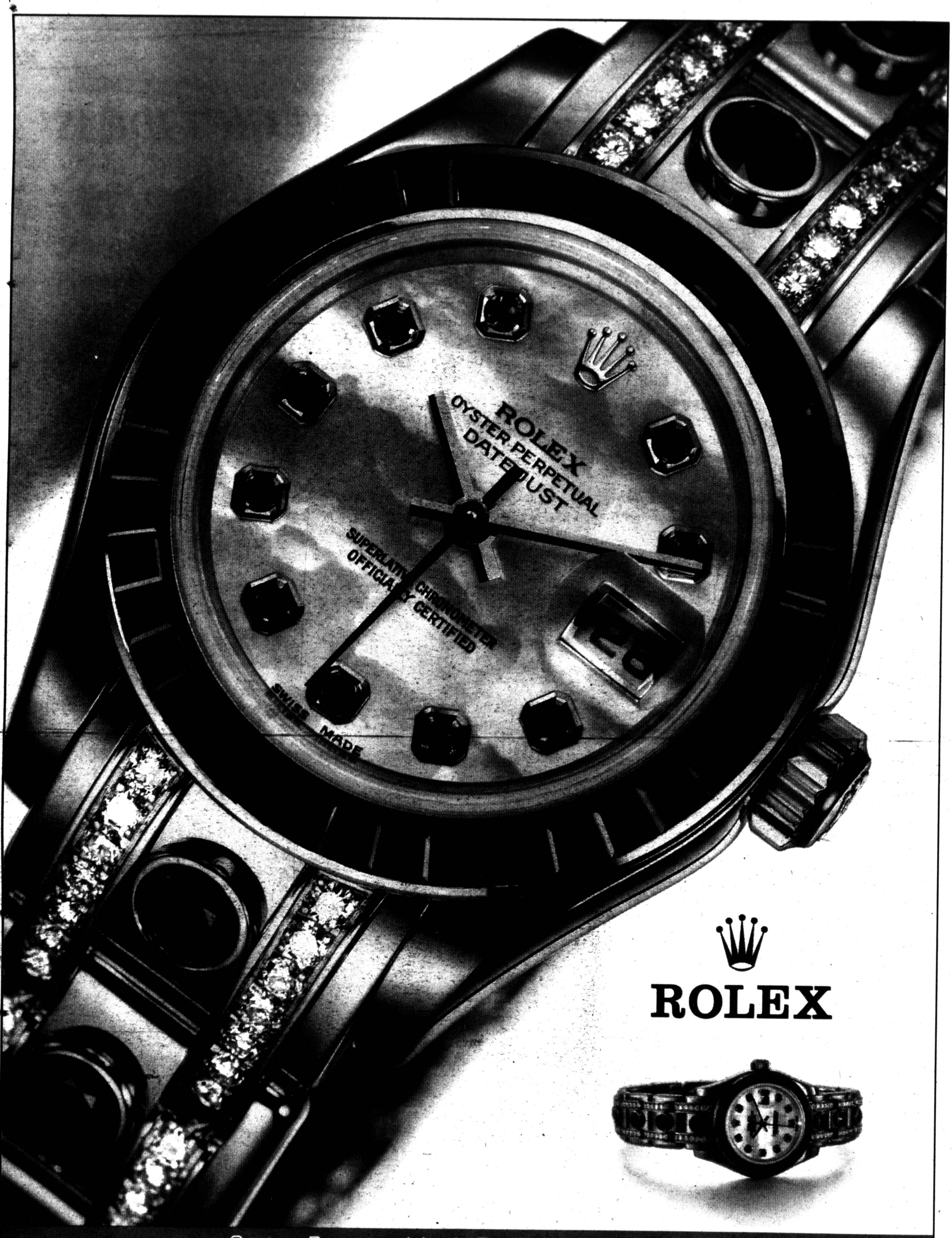

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